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**A BILL**

To amend Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 1  
131st General Assembly regarding employers of 2  
automotive technicians and motor vehicle 3  
technicians participating in the Incumbent 4  
Workforce Training Voucher Program, and to 5  
declare an emergency. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 7  
131st General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 257.30. BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS** 9

The foregoing appropriation item 195649, Business 10  
Assistance Programs, shall be used for administrative expenses 11  
associated with the operation of tax credit programs, loan 12  
servicing, the Ohio Film Office, workforce initiatives, and the 13  
Office of Strategic Business Investments. 14

STATE SPECIAL PROJECTS 15

The State Special Projects Fund (Fund 4F20), may be used 16

for the deposit of private-sector funds from utility companies 17  
and for the deposit of other miscellaneous state funds. State 18  
moneys so deposited may also be used to match federal housing 19  
grants for the homeless. 20

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN 21

All repayments from the Minority Development Financing 22  
Advisory Board Loan Program and the Ohio Mini-Loan Guarantee 23  
Program shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit 24  
of the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10). 25

MINORITY BUSINESS BONDING FUND 26

Notwithstanding Chapters 122., 169., and 175. of the 27  
Revised Code, the Director of Development Services may, upon the 28  
recommendation of the Minority Development Financing Advisory 29  
Board, pledge up to \$10,000,000 in the fiscal year 2016-fiscal 30  
year 2017 biennium of unclaimed funds administered by the 31  
Director of Commerce and allocated to the Minority Business 32  
Bonding Program under section 169.05 of the Revised Code. 33

If needed for the payment of losses arising from the 34  
Minority Business Bonding Program, the Director of Budget and 35  
Management may, at the request of the Director of Development 36  
Services, request that the Director of Commerce transfer 37  
unclaimed funds that have been reported by holders of unclaimed 38  
funds under section 169.05 of the Revised Code to the Minority 39  
Bonding Fund (Fund 4490). The transfer of unclaimed funds shall 40  
only occur after proceeds of the initial transfer of \$2,700,000 41  
by the Controlling Board to the Minority Business Bonding 42  
Program have been used for that purpose. If expenditures are 43  
required for payment of losses arising from the Minority 44  
Business Bonding Program, such expenditures shall be made from 45

appropriation item 195658, Minority Business Bonding Contingency 46  
in the Minority Business Bonding Fund, and such amounts are 47  
hereby appropriated. 48

DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE 49

The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer 50  
\$3,500,000 in cash in each fiscal year from the Economic 51  
Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the Department of 52  
Higher Education to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training 53  
Fund (Fund 5HR0) used by the Development Services Agency. The 54  
transferred funds shall be used for appropriation item 195622, 55  
Defense Development Assistance, to be allocated to Development 56  
Projects, Inc., for economic development programs and the 57  
creation of new jobs to leverage and support mission gains at 58  
Department of Defense and related facilities in Ohio by working 59  
with future base realignment and closure activities and ongoing 60  
Department of Defense efficiency and partnership initiatives, 61  
assisting efforts to secure Department of Defense support 62  
contracts for Ohio companies, assessing and supporting regional 63  
job training and workforce development needs generated by the 64  
Department of Defense and the Ohio aerospace industry, promoting 65  
technology transfer to Ohio businesses, and for expanding job 66  
training and economic development programs in human performance 67  
and cyber security related initiatives. 68

On July 1, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 69  
Director of Development Services may request that the Director 70  
of Budget and Management reappropriate any unexpended, 71  
unencumbered balance of the prior fiscal year's appropriation to 72  
the foregoing appropriation item 195622, Defense Development 73  
Assistance, for fiscal year 2017. The Director of Budget and 74  
Management may request additional information necessary for 75

evaluating the request, and the Director of Development Services 76  
shall provide the requested information to the Director of 77  
Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the 78  
Director of Development Services, the Director of Budget and 79  
Management shall determine the amount to be reappropriated, and 80  
those amounts are hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2017. 81

INCUMBENT WORKFORCE TRAINING VOUCHERS 82

(A) The Director of Budget and Management may transfer up 83  
to \$7,500,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Economic 84  
Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the Department of 85  
Higher Education to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training 86  
Fund (Fund 5HR0) used by the Development Services Agency. 87

(B) The foregoing appropriation item 195662, Incumbent 88  
Workforce Training Vouchers, shall be used to support the Ohio 89  
Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program. 90

(C) The Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program 91  
shall conform to guidelines for the operation of the program, 92  
including, but not limited to, the following: 93

(1) A requirement that a training voucher under the 94  
program shall not exceed \$6,000 per worker per year; 95

(2) A provision for an employer of an eligible employee to 96  
apply for a voucher on behalf of the eligible employee; 97

(3) A provision for an eligible employee to apply directly 98  
for a training voucher with the pre-approval of the employee's 99  
employer; ~~and~~ 100

(4) A requirement that an employee participating in the 101  
program, or the employee's employer, shall pay for not less than 102  
thirty-three per cent of the training costs under the program; 103

(5) A requirement that an employee who is an automotive technician or a motor vehicle technician is an eligible employee if the employee otherwise satisfies the requirements of the program and that an employer of an automotive technician or a motor vehicle technician, including an employer that is a motor vehicle retail service store or a motor vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code, is an eligible employer if the employer otherwise satisfies the requirements for program participation. As used in this division:

(a) "Automotive technician" means an individual who repairs, services, or performs maintenance on motor vehicles or other types of vehicles, including, but not limited to, utility vehicles.

(b) "Motor vehicle," "utility vehicle," and "vehicle" have the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

On July 1, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Development Services may request that the Director of Budget and Management reappropriate any unexpended, unencumbered balance of the prior fiscal year's appropriation to the foregoing appropriation item 195662, Incumbent Workforce Training Vouchers, for fiscal year 2017. The Director of Budget and Management may request additional information necessary for evaluating the request, and the Director of Development Services shall provide the requested information to the Director of Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the Director of Development Services, the Director of Budget and Management shall determine the amount to be reappropriated, and those amounts are hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2017.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND

The foregoing appropriation item 195640, Local Government Innovation, shall be used for the purposes of making loans and grants to political subdivisions under the Local Government Innovation Program in accordance with sections 189.01 to 189.10 of the Revised Code, and for the purposes of making loans and grants to political subdivisions and grants to the Department of Administrative Services under the Local Government Efficiency Program. Of the foregoing appropriation item 195640, Local Government Innovation, up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for administrative costs incurred by the Development Services Agency, of which up to \$25,000 in each fiscal year may be used for the costs of preparing a report involving the local government information exchange. Of the foregoing appropriation item 195640, Local Government Innovation, up to \$75,000 in each fiscal year may be used to administer and provide technical assistance in providing the grants or loans involving the local government information exchange. In administering and providing this technical assistance, the Director of Development Services may enter into agreements with the Director of Administrative Services or other entities.

**ADVANCED ENERGY LOAN PROGRAMS**

The foregoing appropriation item 195660, Advanced Energy Loan Programs, shall be used to provide financial assistance to customers for eligible advanced energy projects for residential, commercial, and industrial business, local government, educational institution, nonprofit, and agriculture customers, and to pay for the program's administrative costs as provided in sections 4928.61 to 4928.63 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the Director of Development Services.

**CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIP**

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On July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 163  
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$500,000 cash 164  
from the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by 165  
the Board of Regents to the Career Exploration Internship Fund 166  
(Fund 5NS0) used by the Development Services Agency. 167

The foregoing appropriation item 195616, Career 168  
Exploration Internship, shall be used for the Career Exploration 169  
Internship Program as described in section 122.177 of the 170  
Revised Code. 171

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM 172

The foregoing appropriation item 195666, Local Government 173  
Safety Capital Grant Program, shall be used for the Local 174  
Government Safety Capital Grant Program as described in Section 175  
701.120 of ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General 176  
Assembly. 177

Notwithstanding the application and funding requirements 178  
under division (A) of Section 701.120 of ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. 179  
64 of the 131st General Assembly, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 180  
shall be distributed to Jefferson Township in Clinton County to 181  
build a new firehouse. 182

LAKES IN ECONOMIC DISTRESS REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM 183

On July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 184  
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$500,000 cash 185  
from the General Revenue Fund to the Lakes in Economic Distress 186  
Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5RQ0). 187

The foregoing appropriation item 195546, Lakes in Economic 188  
Distress Revolving Loan Program, shall be used for the purposes 189  
described under section 122.641 of the Revised Code. 190

On July 1, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 191  
Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director 192  
of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, 193  
unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 195546, 194  
Lakes in Economic Distress Revolving Loan Program, to be 195  
reappropriated in fiscal year 2017. The amount certified is 196  
hereby reappropriated to the foregoing appropriation item in FY 197  
2017 for the same purpose. 198

LOCAL PUBLIC ENHANCEMENT 199

The foregoing appropriation item 195678, Local Public 200  
Enhancement, shall be allocated to the Highland County 201  
Commissioners for local public enhancements. 202

TRAVEL AND TOURISM COOPERATIVE PROJECTS 203

The foregoing appropriation item 195690, Travel and 204  
Tourism Cooperative Projects, shall be used for the marketing 205  
and promotion of travel and tourism in Ohio. The Travel and 206  
Tourism Cooperative Projects Fund (Fund 5W50) shall consist 207  
solely of leveraged private sector paid advertising dollars 208  
received in tourism marketing assistance and co-op programs. 209

VOLUME CAP ADMINISTRATION 210

The foregoing appropriation item 195654, Volume Cap 211  
Administration, shall be used for expenses related to the 212  
administration of the Volume Cap Program. Revenues received by 213  
the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170) shall consist of 214  
application fees, forfeited deposits, and interest earned from 215  
the custodial account held by the Treasurer of State. 216

**Section 2.** That existing Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 217  
64 of the 131st General Assembly is hereby repealed. 218

**Section 3.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 219  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 220  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for the necessity is that 221  
this act expands workforce training opportunities in a field 222  
vital to the state's economic development. Therefore, this act 223  
shall go into immediate effect. 224