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To amend Section 4.18 of Am. Sub. H.B. 282 of the 1
123rd General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to 2
make an appropriation for the 12th grade 3
proficiency stipend. 4

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

Section 1. That Section 4.18 of Am. Sub. H.B. 282 of the 5
123rd General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 640 and Sub. 6
S.B. 237 of the 123rd General Assembly, be amended to read as 7
follows: 8

"Sec. 4.18. OHIOREADS GRANTS 9

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200-566, OhioReads 10
Grants, \$20,000,000 each year shall be disbursed by the OhioReads 11
Office in the Department of Education at the direction of the 12
OhioReads Council, to provide classroom grants to public schools 13
in city, local, and exempted village school districts; community 14
schools; and educational service centers serving kindergarten 15
through fourth grade students. 16

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200-566, OhioReads 17
Grants, \$5,000,000 each year shall be disbursed by the OhioReads 18
Office in the Department of Education at the direction of the 19
OhioReads Council, to provide community matching grants to 20

community organizations and associations, libraries, and others 21
for tutoring, tutor recruitment and training, and parental 22
involvement. 23

Grants awarded by the OhioReads Council are intended to 24
improve reading outcomes, especially on the fourth grade reading 25
proficiency test. 26

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INCENTIVE GRANTS 27

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200-570, School 28
Improvement Incentive Grants, \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year shall 29
be used to provide grants of \$25,000 per building for improvements 30
in reading performance based on selection criteria developed by 31
the OhioReads Council. 32

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200-570, School 33
Improvement Incentive Grants, \$6,500,000 in each fiscal year shall 34
be used to provide grants of \$25,000 each to elementary schools 35
and \$50,000 each to middle schools, junior high schools, and high 36
schools that demonstrate significant improvement on proficiency 37
tests, attendance rates, and graduation rates based on standards 38
developed by the Department of Education. 39

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200-570, School 40
Improvement Incentive Grants, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall 41
be used to provide grants of \$50,000 each to educational service 42
centers and joint vocational school districts for exemplary 43
programs or that demonstrate significant improvement on 44
proficiency tests, attendance rates, and graduation rates based on 45
standards developed by the Department of Education. 46

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200-570, School 47
Improvement Incentive Grants, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year shall 48
be used to provide grants of up to \$50,000 each to educational 49
best practices award winners selected for superior performance by 50
BEST, Building Excellent Schools for Today and the 21st Century. 51

Any grants awarded from the foregoing appropriation item 52
200-570, School Improvement Incentive Grants, shall be awarded to 53
individual school buildings, educational service centers, or joint 54
vocational school districts, as appropriate. Grant awards shall be 55
expended for staff development, classroom equipment, materials, 56
and/or books. The principal or administrator of each grantee shall 57
decide how best to use the grant award, with input from staff 58
members. 59

TEACHER INCENTIVE GRANTS 60

The foregoing appropriation item 200-572, Teacher Incentive 61
Grants, shall be used by the Department of Education to pay 62
one-time stipends to qualified teachers of reading, mathematics, 63
and science. To be eligible, teacher applicants must hold a valid 64
teaching certificate; be employed by a city, local, exempted 65
village, or joint vocational school district or by a chartered 66
nonpublic school; and be certified by the district or the 67
nonpublic school as necessary to meet an existing need for 68
teachers with a reading, mathematics, or science credential. 69

Individuals with an elementary school teaching certificate 70
that successfully complete a program for a reading endorsement, 71
and who successfully complete the examination prescribed by the 72
State Board of Education, shall be paid a stipend of \$1,000. 73
Individuals with an elementary or high school teaching certificate 74
that successfully complete a program required to add mathematics 75
or science to that certificate, and who successfully complete the 76
mathematics or science examination prescribed by the State Board 77
of Education, shall be paid a stipend of \$1,500. The variance in 78
stipend amounts reflects the variance in requirements to secure 79
the different credentials. 80

To qualify for stipends, individuals must successfully 81
complete all necessary coursework as prescribed by the State Board 82
of Education by June 30, 2001, and must successfully complete all 83

required practical experience by October 30, 2001. 84

At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, 85
the Director of Budget and Management may transfer any unexpended 86
and unencumbered balances in this appropriation item as of June 87
30, 2000, to fiscal year 2001. The amount so transferred is hereby 88
appropriated. 89

CHARACTER EDUCATION 90

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200-573, Character 91
Education, up to \$50,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to 92
develop, produce, or otherwise obtain a distance learning program, 93
a video presentation, or other method of offering instruction in 94
character education to multiple school districts. The program, 95
presentation, or other method of instruction shall be made 96
available to all school districts. 97

The remainder of appropriation item 200-573, Character 98
Education, shall be used by the Department of Education to provide 99
matching grants of up to \$50,000 each to school districts to 100
develop pilot character education programs. 101

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION 102

Of the foregoing appropriation item 200-574, Substance Abuse 103
Prevention, up to \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2000 and up to 104
\$2,120,000 in fiscal year 2001 shall be used for the Safe and Drug 105
Free Schools Coordinators Program. Of the foregoing appropriation 106
item 200-574, Substance Abuse Prevention, up to \$300,000 in each 107
fiscal year of the biennium shall be used for the Substance Abuse 108
Prevention Student Assistance Program. The Department of Education 109
and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services shall 110
jointly develop and approve a plan for the expenditure of these 111
funds including, but not limited to, the development of position 112
descriptions and training specifications for safe and drug free 113
schools coordinators. Safe and drug free schools coordinators 114

shall possess or be in the process of obtaining credentials issued 115
by the Ohio Credentialing Board for Chemical Dependency 116
Professionals or other credentials recognized by that board. 117

12TH GRADE PROFICIENCY STIPEND 118

The foregoing appropriation item 200-575, 12th Grade 119
Proficiency Stipend, shall be used to fund a \$500 scholarship to 120
each student who meets the requirements of section 3365.15 of the 121
Revised Code. At the request of the Superintendent of Public 122
Instruction, the Director of Budget and Management shall, subject 123
to the approval of the Controlling Board, transfer to 124
appropriation item 200-575, 12th Grade Proficiency Stipend, 125
obligated, but unexpended, fiscal year 2000 or fiscal year 2001 126
general revenue fund appropriations made to the Department of 127
Education, not to exceed \$15,000,000. The transferred funds shall 128
be used for scholarships for students who meet the requirements of 129
section 3365.15 of the Revised Code during fiscal year 2001. 130
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~~Within thirty days of~~ After the effective date of this 132
~~section amendment~~, the Director of Budget and Management shall 133
transfer the appropriation for this program to the Ohio Board of 134
Regents for its administration. 135

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES 136

The foregoing appropriation item 200-580, River Valley School 137
Environmental Issues, shall be used to assist with costs arising 138
from environmental assessment and clean-up of potential 139
environmental contamination of school facilities of the River 140
Valley Local School District. 141

AUXILIARY SERVICES MOBILE REPAIR 142

Notwithstanding section 3317.064 of the Revised Code, if the 143
unobligated cash balance is sufficient, the Treasurer of State 144
shall transfer \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2000 within thirty days 145

of the effective date of this section and \$1,500,000 in fiscal 146
year 2001 by August 1, 2000, from the Auxiliary Services Personnel 147
Unemployment Compensation Fund to the Department of Education's 148
Auxiliary Services Mobile Repair Fund (Fund 598). 149

Within 30 days after the effective date of this section, the 150
Superintendent of Public Instruction shall certify to the Director 151
of Budget and Management the amount of cash to be transferred from 152
the Miscellaneous Revenue Fund, Fund 452, to the Educational 153
Grants Fund, Fund 620. 154

COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH AND AIDS EDUCATION 155

The Department of Education shall not commit or spend any 156
moneys from appropriation item 200-625, Coordinated School Health, 157
or appropriation item 200-668, AIDS Education, for activities in 158
preparation for or during the 1999-2000 school year or for the 159
2000-2001 school year until the General Assembly has approved 160
program plans for these purposes through the adoption of a 161
concurrent resolution. Before the House of Representatives or the 162
Senate votes on a concurrent resolution approving program plans, 163
its standing committee having principal jurisdiction over primary 164
and secondary education legislation shall conduct at least one 165
public hearing on the program plans. Tobacco use prevention 166
programs and dental health programs are exempt from these 167
requirements." 168

Section 2. That existing Section 4.18 of Am. Sub. H.B. 282 of 169
the 123rd General Assembly, as amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 640 and 170
Sub. S.B. 237 of the 123rd General Assembly, is hereby repealed. 171

Section 3. Section 4.18 of Am. Sub. H.B. 282 of the 123rd 172
General Assembly is presented in this act as a composite of the 173
section as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 640 and Sub. S.B. 237 of 174
the 123rd General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the 175

principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised 176
Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 177
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting 178
version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of 179
the section as presented in this act. 180