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A BILL

То	amend sections 5733.98 and 5747.98 and to enact	1
	sections 122.65, 122.651, 122.652, 122.653,	2
	122.654, 122.655, 122.656, 122.657, 122.658,	3
	122.659, and 122.6510 of the Revised Code to create	4
	the Ohio Venture Capital Program to provide for the	5
	direction of moneys of a private investment fund	6
	into loans and investments that are consistent with	7
	a general policy adopted by the new Ohio Venture	8
	Capital Authority and that are secured up to a	9
	specified maximum loss, first through program	10
	revenues or, if insufficient, through proceeds from	11
	the sale of transferable tax credits that may be	12
	claimed against the corporation franchise tax or	13
	the personal income tax.	14

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

and investments that provide significant potential to propel the

Section 1. That sections 5733.98 and 5747.98 be amended and	15
sections 122.65, 122.651, 122.652, 122.653, 122.654, 122.655,	16
122.656, 122.657, 122.658, 122.659, and 122.6510 of the Revised	17
Code be enacted to read as follows:	18
Sec. 122.65. For the purposes of mobilizing capital for loans	19

advancement of technology and build the entrepreneurial economy of	21
this state and promoting a strong, professional venture capital	22
industry in this state, there is hereby created the Ohio venture	23
capital program. The program, pursuant to sections 122.65 to	24
122.6510 of the Revised Code, shall consist of the following	25
general components:	26
(A) The lending to and investment of private moneys in seed	27
and venture capital partnerships pursuant to a general lending and	28
investment policy prescribed by the Ohio venture capital authority	29
and implemented through a single, designated, private, for-profit	30
<pre>investment fund;</pre>	31
(B) The one-time issuance of state tax credits that are to be	32
transferred to the authority, which credits, through the proceeds	33
received from their sale, are available to provide security	34
against losses incurred by the program fund up to the amount of	35
outstanding contracts to purchase those tax credits, if program	36
revenues of the authority are insufficient for that purpose.	37
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Sec. 122.651. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio venture	39
capital authority, which shall have the powers enumerated in	40
sections 122.65 to 122.6510 of the Revised Code. The exercise by	41
the authority of its powers is hereby declared and shall be an	42
essential state governmental function. The authority is subject to	43
all laws generally applicable to state agencies and public	44
officials, to the extent those laws do not conflict with the	45
provisions of sections 122.65 to 122.6510 of the Revised Code.	46
(B) The authority shall consist of seven members, not more	47
than five of whom shall be of the same political party. Three of	48
the members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and	49
consent of the senate from among the general public and shall have	50

experience in the field of banking, investments, commercial law,
or industry that is relevant to the purposes of the Ohio venture
capital program as stated in section 122.65 of the Revised Code.
Another member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
representatives. Another member shall be appointed by the
president of the senate. The auditor of state and the attorney
general, or their designees, shall be ex officio voting members.

Initial gubernatorial appointees to the authority shall serve staggered terms, one term expiring on January 31, 2002, another term expiring on January 31, 2003, and another term expiring on January 31, 2004. Thereafter, terms of office for gubernatorial appointees shall be for four years. The initial terms of the members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate shall expire on January 31, 2002. Thereafter, the members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate shall serve two-year terms. A vacancy on the authority shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed to the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member of the authority is eligible for reappointment.

A member of the authority may be removed by the member's appointing authority for misfeasance, malfeasance, or willful neglect of duty or for other cause, after notice and a public hearing, unless the notice and hearing are waived in writing by the member.

(C) Members of the authority shall serve without compensation but shall receive their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of authority business. The speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate shall each designate a member of the authority to serve as co-chairpersons. A majority of the authority shall constitute a quorum, and the

under Chapter 1701., 1705., 1775., 1782., or 1783. of the Revised

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Code and is capitalized in accordance with any state or federal	176
laws applicable to the issuance or sale of securities. The	177
authority shall so designate the program fund by entering into a	178
written program fund agreement, in accordance with division (B) of	179
this section, with the investment fund.	180
(B) The written program fund agreement under division (A) of	181
this section shall include all of the following:	182
(1) A requirement that lending and investment by the program	183
fund will be in compliance with the lending and investment policy	184
established in accordance with sections 122.652 and 122.653 of the	185
Revised Code that is in effect at the time the loan or investment	186
is made, and a prohibition against the program fund engaging in	187
any lending or investment activities other than activities to	188
carry out exclusively the lending and investment component of the	189
program;	190
(2) A requirement of periodic financial reporting by the	191
program fund to the authority, which reporting shall include an	192
annual audit by an independent auditor and such other financial	193
reporting as is specified in the agreement or otherwise required	194
by the authority for the purpose of ensuring that the program fund	195
is carrying out the lending and investment component of the	196
program;	197
(3) Specification of any like standards or general	198
limitations that are in addition to or furtherance of standards or	199
limitations that apply pursuant to division (D) of section 122.652	200
of the Revised Code;	201
(4) A requirement of payment to the authority by the program	202
fund of fees prescribed in the agreement, pursuant to a schedule	203
or terms and conditions specified in the agreement;	204
(5) Specification of the procedures under which the program	205

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fund shall certify immediately to the authority the necessity for	206
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a sale of tax credits under a contract entered into pursuant to	208
section 122.656 of the Revised Code, and of the consequences to	209
the program fund of failing to so certify;	
(6) Requirements that any amount paid by the authority to the	210
program fund under sections 122.65 to 122.6510 of the Revised Code	211
to provide security against losses be fully applied by the program	212
fund to provide that security and that, if that amount cannot be	213
so applied for any reason, the program fund will return in a	214
specified timely manner to the authority any of that amount not so	215
applied;	216
(7) Specification of any general limitations regarding the	217
employment of a fund manager by the program fund, in addition to	218
an express limitation that the fund manager be a person with	219
demonstrated, substantial, successful experience in the design and	220
management of state-sponsored seed and venture capital investment	221
programs and in capital formation;	222
(8) Specification that no transfer of tax credits to or use	223
of the proceeds received from the sale of tax credits by the	224
authority under sections 122.65 to 122.6510 of the Revised Code	225
constitutes an obligation of the state and that the program fund	226
shall not represent or permit the representation of any such	227
transfer or use as such an obligation;	228
(9) Specification of any other terms and conditions of the	229
program fund's designation and operation that the authority and	230
program fund consider consistent with the purposes of the program	231
as stated in section 122.65 of the Revised Code and necessary to	232
achieve those purposes;	233
(10) Specification of the terms and conditions under which	234
the authority or the program fund may terminate the agreement or	235
under which the authority may cease the use of the proceeds	236

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received from the sale of tax credits to provide security against	237
losses incurred by the program fund under sections 122.65 to	238
122.6510 of the Revised Code.	239
Sec. 122.655. (A) The Ohio venture capital authority is not	240
an agency as defined in section 101.82 of the Revised Code for	241
purposes of divisions (A) and (B) of section 101.84 of the Revised	242
Code.	243
(B) The designation of a program fund and the entering into a	244
program fund agreement under section 122.654 of the Revised Code	245
do not constitute a purchase of services under Chapter 125. of the	246
Revised Code.	247
(C) Information with respect to the marketing plans,	248
financial statements, trade secrets, research concepts, production	249
methods, or products, or any other proprietary information	250
concerning any person, which is submitted to or compiled by the	251
Ohio venture capital authority for the purpose of developing the	252
policy required by sections 122.652 and 122.653 of the Revised	253
Code, is confidential and not subject to section 149.43 of the	254
Revised Code, except to the extent that the person that provides	255
the information or that is the subject of the information consents	256
in writing to disclosure.	257
(D) Notwithstanding section 121.22 of the Revised Code, the	258
authority may hold an executive session for either of the	259
following purposes, but only after a majority of a quorum of the	260
authority determines, by a roll call vote, to hold the session and	261
only at a regular or special meeting:	262
(1) Presenting, reviewing, or discussing information	263
described in division (C) of this section, but only if consent to	264
disclosure has not been given as provided in that division;	265
(2) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiating	266

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the year of claim and in compliance with divisions (C)(3) and (4)	329
of this section.	330
(E) Nothing in sections 122.65 to 122.6510 of the Revised	331
Code limits the subsequent sale or other transfer of a tax credit	332
that the authority sells under division (C) of this section.	333
Sec. 122.657. A taxpayer subject to a tax imposed under	334
Chapter 5733. or 5747. of the Revised Code shall be allowed a	335
credit against such respective tax equal to the amount of any	336
credit properly taken under this section as verified under	337
division (D) of section 122.656 of the Revised Code. The taxpayer	338
shall claim the credit in the order required under section 5733.98	339
or 5747.98 of the Revised Code, respectively. If the amount of the	340
credit for a tax year exceeds the tax otherwise due after allowing	341
for any other credit that precedes it in the order required under	342
such respective section, the taxpayer shall be entitled to a	343
refund of the excess.	344
Sec. 122.658. (A) There is hereby created in the state	345
treasury the Ohio venture capital fund, to which shall be credited	346
all moneys received by the Ohio venture capital authority pursuant	347
to divisions (B)(4) and (6) of section 122.654 of the Revised	348
Code, and all interest earned on moneys of the fund.	349
(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Ohio	350
venture capital security against losses fund, to which shall be	351
credited all moneys received by the authority pursuant to a sale	352
of tax credits under section 122.656 of the Revised Code, and all	353
interest earned on moneys of the fund.	354
(C) Money in the Ohio venture capital fund and in the Ohio	355
venture capital security against losses fund shall be used	356
exclusively to provide security against losses as authorized under	357
sections 122.65 to 122.6510 of the Revised code.	358

Sec. 122.659. Neither the state nor an appointing authority	359
under section 122.651 of the Revised Code or a member of the Ohio	360
venture capital authority is liable in damages to any person in a	361
civil action for any loss incurred by the program fund as a result	362
of any loan or investment made by the program fund.	363
Sec. 122.6510. (A) On the first day of January of the second	364
year after the date of entering into a program fund agreement	365
under section 122.654 Of the Revised Code, and every other first	366
day of January thereafter, the Ohio venture capital authority	367
shall file with the clerk of the house of representatives, the	368
clerk of the senate, and the chairpersons of the house and senate	369
standing committees predominantly concerned with economic	370
development a written report on the Ohio venture capital program,	371
including all of the following:	372
(1) A description of the details of the lending and	373
investment policy established in accordance with sections 122.652	374
and 122.654 of the Revised Code;	375
(2) The authority's assessment of the program's achievement	376
of its purposes stated in section 122.65 of the Revised Code;	377
(3) The use of the proceeds received from the sale of tax	378
credits under section 122.656 of the Revised Code by the authority	379
to provide security against losses incurred by the program fund	380
under sections 122.65 to 122.6510 of the Revised Code;	381
(4) The amount of tax credits sold by the authority under	382
section 122.656 of the Revised Code;	383
Beetion 122.030 of the Revisea coae,	303
(5) The amounts of tax credits claimed pursuant to section	384
122.657 of the Revised Code, as to the respective taxes involved;	385
(6) The financial status of the Ohio venture capital fund;	386
(7) Any recommendations for modifying the program to better	387

(4) The savings and loan assessment credit under section

(5) The credit for recycling and litter prevention donations

(6) The credit for employers that enter into agreements with

(7) The credit for employers that reimburse employee child

child day-care centers under section 5733.36 of the Revised Code;

day-care expenses under section 5733.38 of the Revised Code;

5733.063 of the Revised Code;

under section 5733.064 of the Revised Code;

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(8) The credit for maintaining railroad active grade crossing	417
warning devices under section 5733.43 of the Revised Code;	418
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(9) The credit for purchases of lights and reflectors under	420
section 5733.44 of the Revised Code;	421
(10) The credit for manufacturing investments under section	422
5733.061 of the Revised Code;	423
(11) The credit for purchases of new manufacturing machinery	424
and equipment under section 5733.31 or section 5733.311 of the	425
Revised Code;	426
(12) The second credit for purchases of new manufacturing	427
machinery and equipment under section 5733.33 of the Revised Code;	428
(13) The job training credit under section 5733.42 of the	429
Revised Code;	430
(14) The credit for qualified research expenses under section	431
5733.351 of the Revised Code;	432
(15) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the	433
Revised Code;	434
(16) The credit for the eligible costs associated with a	435
voluntary action under section 5733.34 of the Revised Code;	436
(17) The credit for employers that establish on-site child	437
day-care under section 5733.37 of the Revised Code;	438
(18) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production	439
property under section 5733.32 of the Revised Code;	440
(19) The export sales credit under section 5733.069 of the	441
Revised Code;	442
(20) The credit for research and development and technology	443
transfer investors under section 5733.35 of the Revised Code;	444
(21) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of the	445

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Revised Code;	446
(22) The credit for using Ohio coal under section 5733.39 of the Revised Code;	447 448
(23) The refundable jobs creation credit under section 5733.0610 of the Revised Code:	449 450
(24) The refundable Ohio venture capital program credit under section 122.657 of the Revised Code.	451 452
(B) For any credit except the refundable jobs creation credit and the refundable Ohio venture capital program credit, the amount of the credit for a tax year shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the section creating that credit.	453 454 455 456 457 458
Sec. 5747.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for calculating the amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the taxpayer is entitled in the following order:	460 461 462 463
(1) The retirement income credit under division (B) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;	464 465
(2) The senior citizen credit under division (C) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	466 467
(3) The lump sum distribution credit under division (D) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	468 469
(4) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the Revised Code;	470 471
(5) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (C) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;	472 473
(6) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (D)	474

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of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;	475
(7) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (E) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;	476 477
(8) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code;	478 479
(9) The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 of the Revised Code;	480 481
(10) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under section 5747.022 of the Revised Code;	482 483
<pre>(11) The joint filing credit under division (G) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;</pre>	484 485
(12) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	486 487
(13) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	488 489
(14) The credit for employers that enter into agreements with child day-care centers under section 5747.34 of the Revised Code;	490 491 492
(15) The credit for employers that reimburse employee child day-care expenses under section 5747.36 of the Revised Code;	493 494
(16) The credit for adoption of a minor child under section 5747.37 of the Revised Code;	495 496
(17) The credit for purchases of lights and reflectors under section 5747.38 of the Revised Code;	497 498
(18) The credit for manufacturing investments under section 5747.051 of the Revised Code;	499 500
(19) The credit for purchases of new manufacturing machinery and equipment under section 5747.26 or section 5747.261 of the Revised Code;	501 502 503

(B) For any credit, except the refundable credits enumerated

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section 122.657 of the Revised Code.

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in divisions $(A)(29)$, (30) , and (31) , and (32) of this section and	533
the credit granted under division (I) of section 5747.08 of the	534
Revised Code, the amount of the credit for a taxable year shall	535
not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other credit that	536
precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess	537
amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized	538
under the section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter	539
shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or	540
indirectly, a credit more than once for a taxable year.	541
Section 2. That existing sections 5733.98 and 5747.98 of the	542
Revised Code are hereby repealed.	543