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To enact sections 3301.41 and 3301.42 of the Revised 1
Code to establish the Partnership for Continued 2
Learning to make recommendations for facilitating 3
collaboration among providers of preschool through 4
postsecondary education and for maintaining a 5
high-quality workforce in Ohio. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 3301.41 and 3301.42 of the Revised 7
Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 3301.41. (A) The partnership for continued learning is 9
hereby established. The partnership shall consist of the following 10
members: 11

(1) The governor; 12

(2) The superintendent of public instruction; 13

(3) The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents; 14

(4) The director of development; 15

(5) Three representatives of the private sector, appointed by 16
the governor; 17

(6) Two representatives of organizations that have formed 18
regional partnerships to foster collaboration among providers of 19

preschool through postsecondary education, appointed by the 20
governor; 21

(7) One member of the student access and success coordinating 22
council of Ohio, appointed by the governor; 23

(8) One member of the state board of education, appointed by 24
the governor; 25

(9) One member of the Ohio board of regents, appointed by the 26
governor; 27

(10) One member of the state workforce policy board 28
prescribed by section 6301.04 of the Revised Code, appointed by 29
the governor; 30

(11) The chairpersons and ranking minority members of the 31
education committees of the senate and house of representatives. 32

(B) Appointed members of the partnership shall serve at the 33
pleasure of the governor. 34

(C) The governor shall serve as chairperson of the 35
partnership. The partnership shall meet at least quarterly and at 36
other times upon the call of the chairperson to conduct its 37
business. 38

Sec. 3301.42. The partnership for continued learning shall 39
promote systemic approaches to education by supporting regional 40
efforts to foster collaboration among providers of preschool 41
through postsecondary education, identifying the workforce needs 42
of private sector employers in the state, and making 43
recommendations for facilitating collaboration among providers of 44
preschool through postsecondary education and for maintaining a 45
high-quality workforce in the state. Copies of the recommendations 46
shall be provided to the governor, the president and minority 47
leader of the senate, the speaker and minority leader of the house 48
of representatives, the chairperson of the Ohio board of regents, 49

and the president of the state board of education. The 50
recommendations shall address at least the following issues: 51

(A) Expansion of access to preschool and other learning 52
opportunities for children under five years old; 53

(B) Increasing opportunities for students to earn credit 54
toward a degree from an institution of higher education while 55
enrolled in high school; 56

(C) Expansion of access to workforce development programs 57
administered by school districts, institutions of higher 58
education, and other providers of career-technical education; 59

(D) Alignment of the statewide academic standards for grades 60
nine through twelve adopted under section 3301.079 of the Revised 61
Code, the Ohio graduation tests prescribed by division (B) of 62
section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code, and the curriculum 63
requirements for a high school diploma prescribed by section 64
3313.603 of the Revised Code with the expectations of employers 65
and institutions of higher education regarding the knowledge and 66
skills that high school graduates should attain prior to entering 67
the workforce or enrolling in an institution of higher education; 68

(E) Improving the science and mathematics skills of students 69
and employees to meet the needs of a knowledge-intensive economy; 70

(F) Reducing the number of students who need academic 71
remediation after enrollment in an institution of higher 72
education; 73

(G) Expansion of access programs and other strategies to 74
overcome financial, cultural, and organizational barriers that 75
prevent students from obtaining a postsecondary education; 76

(H) Alignment of teacher preparation programs approved by the 77
state board of education pursuant to section 3319.23 of the 78
Revised Code with the instructional needs and expectations of 79

<u>school districts;</u>	80
<u>(I) Strategies for retaining more graduates of Ohio</u>	81
<u>institutions of higher education in the state and for attracting</u>	82
<u>talented individuals from outside Ohio to work in the state;</u>	83
<u>(J) Strategies for promoting life-long continuing education</u>	84
<u>as a component of maintaining a strong workforce and economy;</u>	85
<u>(K) Appropriate measures of the impact of statewide efforts</u>	86
<u>to promote collaboration among providers of preschool through</u>	87
<u>postsecondary education and to develop a high-quality workforce</u>	88
<u>and strategies for collecting and sharing data relevant to such</u>	89
<u>measures.</u>	90
Section 2. Within thirty days after the effective date of	91
this section, the Governor shall appoint members to the	92
Partnership for Continued Learning pursuant to section 3301.41 of	93
the Revised Code.	94