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# A BILL

Тс	o amend sections 5747.98 and 5751.98 and to enact	1
	sections 3333.51, 5747.81, 5747.82, 5751.54, and	2
	5751.55 of the Revised Code to grant tax credits	3
	to businesses that provide internships to students	4
	attending Ohio's colleges and universities and	5
	that hire former interns.	6

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

Section 1. That sections 5747.98 and 5751.98 be amended and	7
sections 3333.51, 5747.81, 5747.82, 5751.54, and 5751.55 of the	8
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	9
Sec. 3333.51. (A) As used in this section, "Ohio institution	10
of higher education" means all of the following:	11
(1) An institution of higher education, as defined in section	12
3345.12 of the Revised Code;	13
(2) An institution authorized by the Ohio board of regents	14
under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code to grant degrees and that	15
is accredited by the appropriate regional, and, when appropriate,	16
professional, accrediting associations within whose jurisdiction	17
it falls;	18

(3) Private career schools holding program authorizations 19 issued by the state board of career colleges and schools under 20 division (C) of section 3332.05 of the Revised Code; 21 (4) Private institutions exempt from regulation under Chapter 2.2 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the 23 Revised Code. 24 (B) For the purpose of providing students in Ohio 25 institutions of higher education with practical work experience 26 and for the purpose of fostering long-term relationships between 27 those students and Ohio employers, the Ohio board of regents may 28 certify internships to be conducted between Ohio businesses and 29 students attending Ohio institutions of higher education. The 30 board shall adopt rules establishing criteria for certifying those 31 internships. The rules shall condition certification of an 32 internship on the internship being at least ten consecutive weeks 33 in duration, with each week consisting of at least twenty hours of 34 employment, and the intern receiving from the business total 35 compensation equal to or exceeding two thousand dollars. The rules 36 also shall require that the terms and conditions of an internship 37 between a business and a student be memorialized in a written 38 agreement between the two parties. An agreement shall, at a 39 minimum, include: 40 (1) Biographical information on the student, including, but 41 not limited to, the student's Ohio institution of higher 42 education, date of birth, major, and expected date of graduation; 43 (2) A description of the business, including, but not limited 44 to, the business' location, number of Ohio employees, and business 45 activities; 46 (3) A description of the terms and conditions of the 47 internship, including, but not limited to, a description of the 48 tasks that the student is expected to complete; the amount of 49 hours of employment, which shall satisfy the minimum duration and 52 hour requirements specified in this section; 53 (4) An agreement on the part of both the business and the 54 student to evaluate the internship at the conclusion of the 55 internship and periodically during the term of the internship. 56 Both the student and a representative of the business shall 57 sign the agreement. 58 (C) Upon application, the Ohio board of regents shall issue a 59 tax credit certificate to a business that participates in an 60 internship certified by the board that the business successfully 61 completes pursuant to the agreement entered into under this 62 section. The tax credit certificate entitles the business to claim 63 the tax credit allowed under section 5747.81 or 5751.54 of the 64 Revised Code, provided that all the terms and conditions 65 prescribed under this section and those sections for receiving the 66 credit are satisfied. The application shall be in a form 67 prescribed by the board and shall include a copy of the agreement 68 entered into under this section. 69

Sec. 5747.81. (A) As used in this section:	70
(1) "Pass-through entity" includes a sole proprietorship.	71
(2) "State-certified internship" means an internship	72
certified by the Ohio board of regents under section 3333.51 of	73
the Revised Code.	74
(B) For taxable years beginning in 2007 or thereafter, there	75
is hereby allowed a refundable credit against the tax imposed by	76
section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for a taxpayer that is an	77
equity investor in a pass-through entity that obtains a tax credit	78

certificate issued by the Ohio board of regents under section 79

3333.51 of the Revised Code for completing a state-certified	80
internship. The amount of the credit shall equal the taxpayer's	81
distributive or proportionate share of five hundred dollars for	82
each tax credit certificate issued to the pass-through entity	83
during the taxable year. A taxpayer shall not be entitled to claim	84
the credit allowed under this section unless the pass-through	85
entity in which the taxpayer is an equity investor has obtained	86
the tax credit certificate. The credit shall be claimed for the	87
taxable year in which the certificate was issued and in the order	88
required under section 5747.98 of the Revised Code.	89
(C) The tax commissioner may require that a taxpayer furnish	90
information as is necessary to support a claim for a credit under	91
this section, including, but not limited to, a copy of the tax	92
credit certificate issued by the Ohio board of regents under	93
section 3333.51 of the Revised Code and a copy of the internship	94
agreement entered into under that section. No credit shall be	95
allowed unless the information required by the commissioner is	96
provided.	97
(D) A taxpayer that claims the credit allowed under this	98
section shall not claim the credit allowed under section 5751.54	99
of the Revised Code.	100
Sec. 5747.82. (A) As used in this section:	101
Dec. J/1/.02. (A) AB used in this section.	101
(1) "Full-time employment position" means a position of	102
employment for consideration for at least thirty-five hours per	103
week, or the rendering of any other standard of service generally	104
accepted by custom or specified by contract as full-time	105
employment.	106
(2) "Pass-through entity" includes a sole proprietorship.	107
(3) "State-certified internship" means an internship	108
certified by the Ohio board of regents under section 3333.51 of	109

### the Revised Code.

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(B) There is hereby allowed a refundable credit against the	111
tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for a taxpayer	112
that is an equity investor in a pass-through entity that employs	113
in a full-time employment position for thirty-six consecutive	114
months a person whom the pass-through entity formerly employed as	115
an intern under a state-certified internship. The credit may be	116
claimed for each of the first two taxable years immediately	117
following the thirty-six consecutive months during which the	118
former intern was employed by the pass-through entity in a	119
full-time employment position. If the former intern was employed	120
by the pass-through entity for less than thirty-six consecutive	121
months, a taxpayer may claim the credit allowed under this section	122
only if the former intern voluntarily terminated employment or was	123
terminated by the pass-through entity for cause. The amount of the	124
credit shall equal one thousand dollars for each of the two	125
taxable years for each former intern employed in a full-time	126
employment position. A taxpayer shall claim the taxpayer's	127
proportionate or distributive share of the credit. The credit	128
shall be claimed in the order required under section 5747.98 of	129
the Revised Code.	130
(C) A taxpayer that claims the credit allowed under this	131
section shall not claim the credit allowed under section 5751.55	132
of the Revised Code.	133
Sec. 5747.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for	134
calculating the amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the	135
Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the	136
taxpayer is entitled in the following order:	137
(1) The retirement income credit under division (B) of	138
section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;	139
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(2) The senior citizen credit under division (C) of section 140

5747.05 of the Revised Code; 141 (3) The lump sum distribution credit under division (D) of 142 section 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 143 (4) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the 144 Revised Code; 145 (5) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (C) 146 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 147 (6) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (D) 148 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 149 (7) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (E) 150 of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 151 (8) The low-income credit under section 5747.056 of the 152 Revised Code; 153 (9) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training 154 under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code; 155 (10) The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 156 of the Revised Code; 157 (11) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under 158 section 5747.022 of the Revised Code; 159 (12) The joint filing credit under division (G) of section 160 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 161 (13) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section 162 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 163 (14) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under 164 division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 165 (15) The credit for employers that enter into agreements with 166 child day-care centers under section 5747.34 of the Revised Code; 167 (16) The credit for employers that reimburse employee child 168

care expenses under section 5747.36 of the Revised Code; 169

(17) The credit for adoption of a minor child under section	170
5747.37 of the Revised Code;	171
(18) The credit for purchases of lights and reflectors under	172
section 5747.38 of the Revised Code;	173
(19) The job retention credit under division (B) of section	174
5747.058 of the Revised Code;	175
(20) The credit for purchases of new manufacturing machinery	176
and equipment under section 5747.26 or section 5747.261 of the	177
Revised Code;	178
(21) The second credit for purchases of new manufacturing	179
machinery and equipment and the credit for using Ohio coal under	180
section 5747.31 of the Revised Code;	181
(22) The job training credit under section 5747.39 of the	182
Revised Code;	183
(23) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the	184
Revised Code;	185
(24) The credit for the eligible costs associated with a	186
voluntary action under section 5747.32 of the Revised Code;	187
(25) The credit for employers that establish on-site child	188
day-care centers under section 5747.35 of the Revised Code;	189
(26) The ethanol plant investment credit under section	190
5747.75 of the Revised Code;	191
(27) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production	192
property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;	193
(28) The export sales credit under section 5747.057 of the	194
Revised Code;	195
(29) The credit for research and development and technology	196
transfer investors under section 5747.33 of the Revised Code;	197
(30) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of the	198

Revised Code; 199 (31) The research and development credit under section 200 5747.331 of the Revised Code; 201 (32) The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic 202 building under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code; 203 (33) The refundable jobs creation credit under division (A) 204 of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code; 205 (34) The refundable credit for taxes paid by a qualifying 206 entity granted under section 5747.059 of the Revised Code; 207 (35) The refundable credits for taxes paid by a qualifying 208 pass-through entity granted under division (J) of section 5747.08 209 of the Revised Code; 210 (36) The refundable credit for tax withheld under division 211 (B)(1) of section 5747.062 of the Revised Code; 212 (37) The refundable credit under section 5747.80 of the 213 Revised Code for losses on loans made to the Ohio venture capital 214 program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code; 215 (38) The refundable credit for a state-certified internship 216 under section 5747.81 of the Revised Code; 217 (39) The refundable credit for employing former interns under 218 section 5747.82 of the Revised Code. 219 (B) For any credit, except the credits enumerated in 220 divisions (A)(32) to  $\frac{(37)(39)}{(39)}$  of this section and the credit 221 granted under division (I) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code, 222 the amount of the credit for a taxable year shall not exceed the 223 tax due after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in 224 the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a 225 particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the 226 section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter shall be 227

construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or indirectly, a

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credit more than once for a taxable year.

Sec. 5751.54. (A) As used in this section, "state-certified	230
internship" means an internship certified by the Ohio board of	231
regents under section 3333.51 of the Revised Code.	232

(B) For tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2008, a 233 refundable credit may be claimed under this chapter by a taxpayer 234 that obtains a tax credit certificate issued by the Ohio board of 235 regents under section 3333.51 of the Revised Code for completing a 236 state-certified internship. The amount of the credit shall equal 237 five hundred dollars for each tax credit certificate issued to the 238 taxpayer during the calendar year. A taxpayer shall not be 239 entitled to claim the credit allowed under this section unless the 240 taxpayer has obtained the tax credit certificate. The credit shall 241 be claimed for the calendar year in which the certificate was 242 issued and in the order required under section 5751.98 of the 243 Revised Code. 244

(C) The tax commissioner may require that a taxpayer furnish 245 information as is necessary to support a claim for a credit under 246 this section, including, but not limited to, a copy of the tax 247 credit certificate issued by the Ohio board of regents under 248 section 3333.51 of the Revised Code and a copy of the internship 249 agreement entered into under that section. No credit shall be 250 allowed unless the information required by the commissioner is 251 provided. 252

(D) Equity investors in a taxpayer that claims the credit253allowed under this section shall not claim the credit allowed254under section 5747.81 of the Revised Code.255

Sec. 5751.55. (A) As used in this section:	256
(1) "Full-time employment position" means a position of	257
employment for consideration for at least thirty-five hours per	258

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week, or the rendering of any other standard of service generally	259
accepted by custom or specified by contract as full-time	260
employment.	261
(2) "State-certified internship" means an internship	262
certified by the Ohio board of regents under section 3333.51 of	263
the Revised Code.	264
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(B) A refundable credit may be claimed under this chapter by	265
<u>a taxpayer that, during the calendar year immediately preceding</u>	266
the tax period, employed in a full-time employment position for	267
thirty-six consecutive months a person whom the taxpayer formerly	268
employed as an intern under a state-certified internship. The	269
credit may be claimed for each of the first two tax periods	270
immediately following the thirty-six consecutive months during	271
which the former intern was employed by the taxpayer in a	272
full-time employment position. If the former intern was employed	273
by the taxpayer for less than thirty-six consecutive months, a	274
taxpayer may claim the credit allowed under this section only if	275
the former intern voluntarily terminated employment or was	276
terminated by the taxpayer for cause. The amount of the credit	277
shall equal one thousand dollars for each of the two tax periods	278
for each former intern employed in a full-time employment	279
position. The credit shall be claimed in the order required under	280
section 5751.98 of the Revised Code.	281
(C) Equity investors in a taxpayer that claims the credit	282

allowed under this section shall not claim the credit allowed283under section 5747.82 of the Revised Code.284

sec. 5751.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 285
calculating the amount of tax due under this chapter, a taxpayer 286
shall claim any credits to which it is entitled in the following 287
order: 288

(1) The nonrefundable jobs retention credit under division 289

(B) of section 5751.50 of the Revised Code; 290 (2) The nonrefundable credit for qualified research expenses 291 under division (B) of section 5751.51 of the Revised Code; 292 (3) The nonrefundable credit for a borrower's qualified 293 research and development loan payments under division (B) of 294 section 5751.52 of the Revised Code; 295 (4) The nonrefundable credit for calendar years 2010 to 2029 296 for unused net operating losses under division (B) of section 297 5751.53 of the Revised Code; 298 (5) The refundable credit for calendar year 2030 for unused 299 net operating losses under division (C) of section 5751.53 of the 300 Revised Code; 301 (6) The refundable jobs creation credit under division (A) of 302 section 5751.50 of the Revised Code; 303 (7) The refundable credit for a state-certified internship 304 under section 5751.54 of the Revised Code; 305 (8) The refundable credit for employing former interns under 306 section 5751.55 of the Revised Code. 307 (B) For any credit except the credit credits enumerated in 308 division divisions (A)(4)(5) to (8) of this section, the amount of 309 the credit for a tax period shall not exceed the tax due after 310 allowing for any other credit that precedes it in the order 311 required under this section. Any excess amount of a particular 312 credit may be carried forward if authorized under the section 313 creating the credit. 314 section 2. That existing sections 5747.98 and 5751.98 of the 315 Revised Code are hereby repealed. 316