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To amend sections 5725.31, 5729.07, 5733.42, and

5747.39 of the Revised Code to extend the job

training tax credit for an additional year.	3
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:	
Section 1. That sections 5725.31, 5729.07, 5733.42, and	4
5747.39 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	5
Sec. 5725.31. (A) As used in this section:	6
(1) "Eligible employee" and "eligible training costs" have	7
the same meanings as in section 5733.42 of the Revised Code.	8
(2) "Tax assessed under this chapter" means, in the case of a	9
dealer in intangibles, the tax assessed under sections 5725.13 to	10
5725.17 of the Revised Code and, in the case of a domestic	11
insurance company, the taxes assessed under sections 5725.18 to	12

(3) "Taxpayer" means a dealer in intangibles or a domestic

insurance company subject to a tax assessed under this chapter.

(4) "Credit period" means, in the case of a dealer in

intangibles, the calendar year ending on the thirty-first day of

December next preceding the day the report is required to be
returned under section 5725.14 of the Revised Code and, in the
case of a domestic insurance company, the calendar year ending on
the thirty-first day of December next preceding the day the annual
statement is required to be returned under section 5725.18 or
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5725.181 of the Revised Code.

(B) There is hereby allowed a nonrefundable credit against 24 the tax imposed under this chapter for a taxpayer for which a tax 25 credit certificate is issued under section 5733.42 of the Revised 26 Code. The credit may be claimed for credit periods beginning on or 27 after January 1, 2003, and ending on or before December 31, 2007 28 2008. The amount of the credit for the credit period beginning on 29 January 1, 2003, shall equal one-half of the average of the 30 eligible training costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer during 31 calendar years 1998, 1999, and 2000, not to exceed one thousand 32 dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom eligible 33 training costs were paid or incurred by the taxpayer. The amount 34 of the credit for the credit period beginning on January 1, 2004, 35 shall equal one-half of the average of the eligible training costs 36 paid or incurred by the taxpayer during calendar years 2002, 2003, 37 and 2004, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each eligible 38 employee on account of whom eligible training costs were paid or 39 incurred by the taxpayer. The amount of the credit for the credit 40 period beginning on January 1, 2005, shall equal one-half of the 41 average of the eligible training costs paid or incurred by the 42 taxpayer during calendar years 2003, 2004, and 2005, not to exceed 43 one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom 44 eligible training costs were paid or incurred by the taxpayer. The 45 amount of the credit for the credit period beginning on January 1, 46 2006, shall equal one-half of the average of the eligible training 47 costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer during calendar years 2004, 48 2005, and 2006, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each 49 eligible employee on account of whom eligible training costs were 50

paid or incurred by the taxpayer. The amount of the credit for the	51
credit period beginning on January 1, 2007, shall equal one-half	52
of the average of the eligible training costs paid or incurred by	53
the taxpayer during calendar years 2005, 2006, and 2007, not to	54
exceed one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account	55
of whom eligible training costs were paid or incurred by the	56
taxpayer. The amount of the credit for the credit period beginning	57
on January 1, 2008, shall equal one-half of the average of the	58
eligible training costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer during	59
calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008, not to exceed one thousand	60
dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom eligible	61
training costs were paid or incurred by the taxpayer.	62

The credit claimed by a taxpayer each credit period shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

A taxpayer shall apply to the director of job and family services for a tax credit certificate in the manner prescribed by division (C) of section 5733.42 of the Revised Code. Divisions (C) to (H) of that section govern the tax credit allowed by this section, except that "credit period" shall be substituted for "tax year with respect to a calendar year" wherever that phrase appears in those divisions and that a taxpayer under this section shall be considered a taxpayer for the purposes of that section.

Sec. 5729.07. As used in this section:

(A) "Eligible employee" and "eligible training costs" have

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(B) "Credit period" means the calendar year ending on the 83 thirty-first day of December next preceding the day the annual 84 statement is required to be returned under section 5729.02 of the 85 Revised Code.

87 There is hereby allowed a nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed under this chapter for a foreign insurance company for 88 which a tax credit certificate is issued under section 5733.42 of 89 the Revised Code. The credit may be claimed for credit periods 90 beginning on or after January 1, 2003, and ending on or before 91 December 31, 2007 2008. The amount of the credit for the credit 92 period beginning on January 1, 2003, shall equal one-half of the 93 average of the eligible training costs paid or incurred by the 94 company during calendar years 1998, 1999, and 2000, not to exceed 95 one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom 96 eligible training costs were paid or incurred by the company. The 97 amount of the credit for the credit period beginning on January 1, 98 2004, shall equal one-half of the average of the eligible training 99 costs paid or incurred by the company during calendar years 2002, 100 2003, and 2004, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each 101 eligible employee on account of whom eligible training costs were 102 paid or incurred by the company. The amount of the credit for the 103 credit period beginning on January 1, 2005, shall equal one-half 104 of the average of the eligible training costs paid or incurred by 105 the company during calendar years 2003, 2004, and 2005, not to 106 exceed one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account 107 of whom eligible training costs were paid or incurred by the 108 company. The amount of the credit for the credit period beginning 109 on January 1, 2006, shall equal one-half of the average of the 110 eligible training costs paid or incurred by the company during 111 calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006, not to exceed one thousand 112 dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom eligible 113

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training costs were paid or incurred by the company. The amount of	114
the credit for the credit period beginning on January 1, 2007,	115
shall equal one-half of the average of the eligible training costs	116
paid or incurred by the company during calendar years 2005, 2006,	117
and 2007, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each eligible	118
employee on account of whom eligible training costs were paid or	119
incurred by the company. The amount of the credit for the credit	120
period beginning on January 1, 2008, shall equal one-half of the	121
average of the eligible training costs paid or incurred by the	122
company during calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008, not to exceed	123
one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom	124
eligible training costs were paid or incurred by the company.	125

The credit claimed by a company for each credit period shall 127 not exceed one hundred thousand dollars. 128

A foreign insurance company shall apply to the director of 129 job and family services for a tax credit certificate in the manner 130 prescribed by division (C) of section 5733.42 of the Revised Code. 131 Divisions (C) to (H) of that section govern the tax credit allowed 132 by this section, except that "credit period" shall be substituted 133 for "tax year with respect to a calendar year" wherever that 134 phrase appears in those divisions and that the company shall be 135 considered a taxpayer for the purposes of those divisions. 136

A foreign insurance company may carry forward the credit 137 allowed under this section to the extent that the credit exceeds 138 the company's tax due for the credit period. The company may carry 139 the excess credit forward for three credit periods following the 140 credit period for which the credit is first claimed under this 141 section. The credit allowed by this section is in addition to any 142 credit allowed under section 5729.031 of the Revised Code. 143

The reduction in the tax due under this chapter to the extent of the credit allowed by this section does not increase the amount

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of the tax otherwise due under section 5729.06 of the Revised	146
Code.	147
Sec. 5733.42. (A) As used in this section:	148
(1) "Eligible training program" means a program to provide	149
job skills to eligible employees who are unable effectively to	150
function on the job due to skill deficiencies or who would	151
otherwise be displaced because of their skill deficiencies or	152
inability to use new technology, or to provide job skills to	153
eligible employees that enable them to perform other job duties	154
for the taxpayer. Eligible training programs do not include	155
executive, management, or personal enrichment training programs,	156
or training programs intended exclusively for personal career	157
development.	158
(2) "Eligible employee" means an individual who is employed	159
in this state by a taxpayer and has been so employed by the same	160
taxpayer for at least one hundred eighty consecutive days before	161
the day an application for the credit is filed under this section.	162
"Eligible employee" does not include any employee for which a	163
credit is claimed pursuant to division (A)(5) of section 5709.65	164
of the Revised Code for all or any part of the same year, an	165
employee who is not a full-time employee, or executive or	166
managerial personnel, except for the immediate supervisors of	167
nonexecutive, nonmanagerial personnel.	168
(3) "Eligible training costs" means:	169
(a) Direct instructional costs, such as instructor salaries,	170
materials and supplies, textbooks and manuals, videotapes, and	171
other instructional media and training equipment used exclusively	172
for the purpose of training eligible employees;	173
(b) Wages paid to eligible employees for time devoted	174
exclusively to an eligible training program during normal paid	175

working hours.	176
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(4) "Full-time employee" means an individual who is employed 177 for consideration for at least thirty-five hours per week, or who 178 renders any other standard of service generally accepted by custom 179 or specified by contract as full-time employment. 180

- (5) "Partnership" includes a limited liability company formed under Chapter 1705. of the Revised Code or under the laws of 182 another state, provided that the company is not classified for 183 federal income tax purposes as an association taxable as a 184 corporation.
- (B) There is hereby allowed a nonrefundable credit against 186 the tax imposed by section 5733.06 of the Revised Code for 187 taxpayers for which a tax credit certificate is issued under 188 division (C) of this section. The credit may be claimed for tax 189 years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, and 2009. The amount of 190 the credit for tax year 2004 shall equal one-half of the average 191 of the eligible training costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer 192 during calendar years 1999, 2000, and 2001, not to exceed one 193 thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom 194 eligible training costs were paid or incurred by the taxpayer 195 during those calendar years. The amount of the credit for tax year 196 2005 shall equal one-half of the average of the eligible training 197 costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer during calendar years 2002, 198 2003, and 2004, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each 199 eligible employee on account of whom eligible training costs were 200 paid or incurred by the taxpayer during those calendar years. The 201 amount of the credit for tax year 2006 shall equal one-half of the 202 average of the eligible training costs paid or incurred by the 203 taxpayer during calendar years 2003, 2004, and 2005, not to exceed 204 one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom 205 eligible training costs were paid or incurred by the taxpayer 206 during those calendar years. The amount of the credit for tax year 207

2007 shall equal one-half of the average of the eligible training	208
costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer during calendar years 2004,	209
2005, and 2006, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each	210
eligible employee on account of whom eligible training costs were	211
paid or incurred by the taxpayer during those calendar years. The	212
amount of the credit for tax year 2008 shall equal one-half of the	213
average of the eligible training costs paid or incurred by the	214
taxpayer during calendar years 2005, 2006, and 2007, not to exceed	215
one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom	216
eligible training costs were paid or incurred by the taxpayer	217
during those calendar years. The amount of the credit for tax year	218
2009 shall equal one-half of the average of the eligible training	219
costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer during calendar years 2006,	220
2007, and 2008, not to exceed one thousand dollars for each	221
eligible employee on account of whom eligible training costs were	222
paid or incurred by the taxpayer during those calendar years.	223

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The credit claimed by a taxpayer each tax year shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

(C) A taxpayer who proposes to conduct an eligible training 226 program may apply to the director of job and family services for a 227 tax credit certificate under this section. The taxpayer may apply 228 for such a certificate for tax years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 229 2008, and 2009 subject to division (L) of this section. The 230 director shall prescribe the form of the application, which shall 231 require a detailed description of the proposed training program. 232 The director may require applicants to remit an application fee 233 with each application filed with the director. The fee shall not 234 exceed the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the 235 director in receiving, reviewing, and approving such applications 236 and issuing tax credit certificates. Proceeds from fees shall be 237 used solely for the purpose of receiving, reviewing, and approving 238 such applications and issuing such certificates. 239

After receipt of an application, the director shall authorize	240
a credit under this section by issuing a tax credit certificate,	241
in the form prescribed by the director, if the director determines	242
all of the following:	243
(1) The proposed training program is an eligible training	244
program under this section;	245
(2) The proposed training program is economically sound and	246
will benefit the people of this state by improving workforce	247
skills and strengthening the economy of this state;	248
(3) Receiving the tax credit is a major factor in the	249
taxpayer's decision to go forward with the training program;	250
(4) Authorization of the credit is consistent with division	251
(H) of this section.	252
The credit also is allowed for a taxpayer that is a partner	253
in a partnership that pays or incurs eligible training costs. Such	254
a taxpayer shall determine the taxpayer's credit amount in the	255
manner prescribed by division (K) of this section.	256
(D) If the director of job and family services denies an	257
application for a tax credit certificate, the director shall send	258
notice of the denial and the reason for denial to the applicant by	259
certified mail, return receipt requested. If the director	260
determines that an authorized training program, as actually	261
conducted, fails to meet the requirements of this section or to	262
comply with any condition set forth in the authorization, the	263
director may reduce the amount of the tax credit previously	264
granted. If the director reduces a tax credit, the director shall	265
send notice of the reduction and the reason for the reduction to	266
the taxpayer by certified mail, return receipt requested, and	267
shall certify the reduction to the tax commissioner or, in the	268
case of the reduction of a credit claimed by an insurance company,	269

the superintendent of insurance. The tax commissioner or

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superintendent of insurance shall reduce the credit that may be	271
claimed by the taxpayer accordingly. Within sixty days after	272
receiving a notice of denial or notice of reduction of the tax	273
credit, an applicant or taxpayer may request, in writing, a	274
hearing before the director to review the denial or reduction.	275
Within sixty days after receiving a request that is filed within	276
the prescribed time, the director shall hold such a hearing at a	277
location to be determined by the director. Within thirty days	278
after the hearing is adjourned, the director shall issue a	279
redetermination affirming, reversing, or modifying the denial or	280
reduction of the tax credit and send notice of the redetermination	281
to the applicant or taxpayer by certified mail, return receipt	282
requested, and shall issue a notice of the redetermination to the	283
tax commissioner or superintendent of insurance. If an applicant	284
or taxpayer is aggrieved by the director's redetermination, the	285
applicant or taxpayer may appeal the redetermination to the board	286
of tax appeals in the manner prescribed by section 5717.02 of the	287
Revised Code.	288

(E) A taxpayer to which a tax credit certificate is issued

shall retain records indicating the eligible training costs it

pays or incurs for the eligible training program for which the

certificate is issued for four years following the end of the tax

year for which the credit is claimed. Such records shall be open

to inspection by the director of job and family services upon the

director's request during business hours.

Financial statements and other information submitted by an 296 applicant to the director of job and family services for a tax 297 credit under this section, and any information taken for any 298 purpose from such statements or information, are not public 299 records subject to section 149.43 of the Revised Code. However, 300 the director of job and family services, the tax commissioner, or 301 superintendent of insurance may make use of the statements and 302

other information for purposes of issuing public reports or in 303 connection with court proceedings concerning tax credits allowed 304 under this section and sections 5725.31, 5729.07, and 5747.39 of 305 the Revised Code.

- (F) The director of job and family services, in accordance 307 with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules necessary 308 to implement this section and sections 5725.31, 5729.07, and 309 5747.39 of the Revised Code. The rules shall be adopted after 310 consultation with the tax commissioner and the superintendent of 311 insurance. The rules shall require that if a taxpayer to which a 312 tax credit certificate is issued under any of those sections 313 permanently relocates or transfers employees trained under the tax 314 credit certificate to another state or country within two years of 315 receiving the certificate, the taxpayer shall repay the total 316 amount of the tax credit received by the taxpayer for any 317 employees permanently relocated or transferred. At the time the 318 director gives public notice under division (A) of section 119.03 319 of the Revised Code of the adoption of the rules, the director 320 shall submit copies of the proposed rules to the chairpersons and 321 ranking minority members of the standing committees in the senate 322 and the house of representatives to which legislation on economic 323 development matters are customarily referred. 324
- (G) On or before the thirtieth day of September of 2001, 325 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, and 2009 the director of 326 job and family services shall submit a report to the governor, the 327 president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of 328 representatives on the tax credit program under this section and 329 sections 5725.31, 5729.07, and 5747.39 of the Revised Code. The 330 report shall include information on the number of training 331 programs that were authorized under those sections during the 332 preceding calendar year, a description of each authorized training 333 program, the dollar amounts of the credits granted, and an 334

estimate	of	the	impact	of	the	credits	on	the	economy	of	this	335
state.												336

- (H) The aggregate amount of credits authorized under this 337 section and sections 5725.31, 5729.07, and 5747.39 of the Revised 338 Code shall not exceed twenty million dollars per calendar year. No 339 more than ten million dollars in credits per calendar year shall 340 be authorized for persons engaged primarily in manufacturing. No 341 less than five million dollars in credits per calendar year shall 342 be set aside for persons engaged primarily in activities other 343 than manufacturing and having fewer than five hundred employees. 344 Subject to such limits, the director of job and family services 345 shall adopt a rule under division (F) of this section that 346 establishes criteria and procedures for distribution of the 347 credits. 348
- (I) A nonrefundable credit allowed under this section shall 349 be claimed in the order required under section 5733.98 of the 350 Revised Code.
- (J) The taxpayer may carry forward any credit amount in 352 excess of its tax due after allowing for any other credits that 353 precede the credit under this section in the order required under 354 section 5733.98 of the Revised Code. The excess credit may be 355 carried forward for three years following the tax year for which 356 it is first claimed under this section.
- (K) A taxpayer that is a partner in a partnership on the last 358 day of the third calendar year of the three-year period during 359 which the partnership pays or incurs eligible training costs may 360 claim a credit under this section for the tax year immediately 361 following that calendar year. The amount of a partner's credit 362 equals the partner's interest in the partnership on the last day 363 of such calendar year multiplied by the credit available to the 364 partnership as computed by the partnership. 365

(L) The director of job and family services shall not	366
authorize any credits under this section and sections 5725.31,	367
5729.07, and 5747.39 of the Revised Code for eligible training	368
costs paid or incurred after December 31, 2007 <u>2008</u> .	369

- sec. 5747.39. (A) As used in this section, "eligible 370
 employee" and "eligible training costs" have the same meanings as 371
 in section 5733.42 of the Revised Code, and "pass-through entity" 372
 includes a sole proprietorship. 373
- (B)(1) For taxable years beginning in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 374 and 2007, and 2008 there is hereby allowed a nonrefundable credit 375 against the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for 376 a taxpayer that is an investor in a pass-through entity for which 377 a tax credit certificate is issued under section 5733.42 of the 378 Revised Code. For the taxable year beginning in 2003, the amount 379 of eligible training costs for which a credit may be claimed by 380 all taxpayers that are investors in an entity shall equal one-half 381 of the average of the eligible training costs incurred by the 382 entity during calendar years 1999, 2000, and 2001, but shall not 383 exceed one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account 384 of whom such costs were paid or incurred by the entity. The amount 385 of a taxpayer's credit for the taxpayer's taxable year beginning 386 in 2003 shall equal the taxpayer's interest in the entity on 387 December 31, 2001, multiplied by the credit available to the 388 entity as computed by the entity. 389
- (2) For the taxable year beginning in 2004, the amount of the 390 eligible training costs for which a credit may be claimed by all 391 taxpayers that are investors in an entity shall equal one-half of 392 the average of the eligible training costs incurred by the entity 393 during calendar years 2002, 2003, and 2004, but shall not exceed 394 one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom 395 such costs were paid or incurred by the entity. The amount of a

taxpayer's credit for the taxpayer's taxable year beginning in	397
2004 shall equal the taxpayer's interest in the entity on December	398
31, 2004, multiplied by the credit available to the entity as	399
computed by the entity.	400

- (3) For the taxable year beginning in 2005, the amount of the 401 eligible training costs for which a credit may be claimed by all 402 taxpayers that are investors in an entity shall equal one-half of 403 the average of the eligible training costs incurred by the entity 404 during calendar years 2003, 2004, and 2005, but shall not exceed 405 one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom 406 such costs were paid or incurred by the entity. The amount of a 407 taxpayer's credit for the taxpayer's taxable year beginning in 408 2005 shall equal the taxpayer's interest in the entity on December 409 31, 2005, multiplied by the credit available to the entity as 410 computed by the entity. 411
- (4) For the taxable year beginning in 2006, the amount of the 412 eligible training costs for which a credit may be claimed by all 413 taxpayers that are investors in an entity shall equal one-half of 414 the average of the eligible training costs incurred by the entity 415 during calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006, but shall not exceed 416 one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom 417 such costs were paid or incurred by the entity. The amount of a 418 taxpayer's credit for the taxpayer's taxable year beginning in 419 2006 shall equal the taxpayer's interest in the entity on December 420 31, 2006, multiplied by the credit available to the entity as 421 computed by the entity. 422
- (5) For the taxable year beginning in 2007, the amount of the 423 eligible training costs for which a credit may be claimed by all 424 taxpayers that are investors in an entity shall equal one-half of 425 the average of the eligible training costs incurred by the entity 426 during calendar years 2005, 2006, and 2007, but shall not exceed 427 one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom 428

such costs were paid or incurred by the entity. The amount of a	429
taxpayer's credit for the taxpayer's taxable year beginning in	430
2007 shall equal the taxpayer's interest in the entity on December	431
31, 2007, multiplied by the credit available to the entity as	432
computed by the entity.	433
(6) For the taxable year beginning in 2008, the amount of the	434
eligible training costs for which a credit may be claimed by all	435
taxpayers that are investors in an entity shall equal one-half of	436
the average of the eligible training costs incurred by the entity	437
during calendar years 2006, 2007, and 2008, but shall not exceed	438
one thousand dollars for each eligible employee on account of whom	439
such costs were paid or incurred by the entity. The amount of a	440
taxpayer's credit for the taxpayer's taxable year beginning in	441
2008 shall equal the taxpayer's interest in the entity on December	442
31, 2008, multiplied by the credit available to the entity as	443
computed by the entity.	444
(7) The total amount of credits that may be claimed by all	445
such taxpayers with respect to each pass-through entity for each	446
taxable year shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.	447
(C) The credit shall be claimed in the order prescribed by	448
section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. A taxpayer may carry forward	449
the credit to the extent that the taxpayer's credit exceeds the	450
taxpayer's tax due after allowing for any other credits that	451
precede the credit allowed by this section in the order prescribed	452
by section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. The taxpayer may carry the	453
excess credit forward for three taxable years following the	454
taxable year for which the taxpayer first claims the credit under	455
this section.	456
(D) A pass-through entity shall apply to the director of job	457
and family services for a tax credit certificate in the manner	458
prescribed by division (C) of section 5733.42 of the Revised Code.	459

Divisions (C) to (H) of that section govern the tax credit allowed

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by this section, except that "taxable year" shall be substituted	461
for "tax year" wherever that phrase appears in those divisions,	462
and that "pass-through entity" shall be substituted for "taxpayer"	463
wherever "taxpayer" appears in those divisions.	464
Section 2. That existing sections 5725.31, 5729.07, 5733.42,	465
and 5747.39 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	466