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A BILL

To enact section 122.042 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Director of Development to administer 2
a grant program to provide funding to specified 3
entities to provide training for employees in the 4
fields of biotechnology and bioscience or any 5
other field in which critical demands exist for 6
certain skills. 7

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

Section 1. That section 122.042 be enacted to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 122.042. (A) As used in this section, "bioscience 10
sector" includes companies who manufacture medical devices, 11
biopharmaceutical products, biofuel, or agricultural bioproducts; 12
health care service companies; health care organizations; and 13
medical research organizations. 14

(B) The director of development shall provide grants to 15
entities who satisfy the requirements specified in this section to 16
provide training for individuals who are not employed in the field 17
of biotechnology or the bioscience sector and wish to receive 18

training to be employed in that field or sector. The director may 19
provide such grants to entities engaged in any other field in 20
which critical demands exist for certain skills. 21

(C) The director may accept applications for training grant 22
funds awarded pursuant to this section from any of the following 23
entities: 24

(1) A municipal corporation that provides any of the training 25
programs described in division (D) of this section; 26

(2) An employer, including an intermediary or a training 27
agent of the employer, that provides any of the training programs 28
described in division (D) of this section; 29

(3) Any of the following entities that sponsor multi-company 30
employee training projects that offer programs described in 31
division (D) of this section if those projects will address common 32
training needs identified by employers who elect to participate in 33
the project offered by the entity: 34

(a) Business associations; 35

(b) Strategic business partnerships; 36

(c) Institutions of secondary or higher education; 37

(d) Large manufacturers for supplier network companies; 38

(e) Agencies of the state or of a political subdivision of 39
the state or grant recipients under the federal "Workforce 40
Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801, as 41
amended. 42

(D) The director may award grants to eligible applicants 43
described in division (C) of this section if in the application, 44
the applicant specifies that the money received from the grant 45
will be used for employee training programs that include, but are 46
not limited to, any of the following: 47

(1) Training programs that are in response to new or changing 48

<u>technology introduced into the workplace;</u>	49
<u>(2) Job-linked training programs that offer special skills</u>	50
<u>for career advancement or that are preparatory for, and lead</u>	51
<u>directly to, a job with definite career potential and long-term</u>	52
<u>job security;</u>	53
<u>(3) Training programs that are necessary to implement a total</u>	54
<u>quality management system, a total quality improvement system, or</u>	55
<u>both within the workplace;</u>	56
<u>(4) Training related to learning how to operate new machinery</u>	57
<u>or equipment;</u>	58
<u>(5) Training for employees of companies that are expanding</u>	59
<u>into new markets or expanding exports from this state and that</u>	60
<u>provide jobs in this state;</u>	61
<u>(6) Basic training, remedial training, or both of employees</u>	62
<u>as a prerequisite for other vocational or technical skills</u>	63
<u>training or as a condition for sustained employment;</u>	64
<u>(7) Other training activities, training projects, or both,</u>	65
<u>related to the support, development, or evaluation of job training</u>	66
<u>programs, activities, and delivery systems, including training</u>	67
<u>needs assessment and design.</u>	68
<u>(E) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter</u>	69
<u>119. of the Revised Code to establish the terms and conditions</u>	70
<u>under which a grant may be awarded under this section and as</u>	71
<u>necessary to implement this section. The director shall include in</u>	72
<u>the rules the director adopts a requirement that, if an entity</u>	73
<u>that applies for a grant awarded under this section is not an</u>	74
<u>employer, the entity must specify in the entity's application</u>	75
<u>employers who will benefit from the training the entity provides</u>	76
<u>to ensure that the training provided satisfies the needs of</u>	77
<u>employers located in the area where the entity provides the</u>	78
<u>training programs described in division (D) of this section. No</u>	79

grant awarded under this section shall be for an amount that 80
exceeds fifty per cent of the allowable costs of the training 81
programs described in division (D) of this section provided by an 82
entity described in division (C) of this section. Under this 83
section, allowable costs include, but are not limited to, the 84
following costs: 85

(1) Administrative costs for tracking, documenting, 86
reporting, and processing training funds or project costs; 87

(2) Costs for developing a curriculum; 88

(3) Wages for instructors and if the individuals receiving 89
training are employed by the employer who offers the program, 90
wages for those individuals; 91

(4) Costs incurred for producing training materials, 92
including scrap product costs; 93

(5) Trainee travel expenses; 94

(6) Costs for rent, purchase, or lease of training equipment; 95

(7) Other usual and customary training costs. 96

(F) An entity described in division (C) of this section shall 97
use money received from a grant only for the programs that the 98
entity specified in the entity's application in accordance with 99
division (D) of this section. A municipal corporation that 100
receives a grant under this section may use the money received for 101
a training program that also is funded pursuant to the federal 102
"Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801, 103
as amended. 104

(G) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 105
119. of the Revised Code to establish methods and procedures the 106
director shall use to identify transitional jobs and to develop 107
and identify training strategies that will enable individuals who 108
are not employed in the field of biotechnology or the bioscience 109

sector to be employed in that field or sector. 110

(H) The director shall require an employee of the department 111
of development to conduct at least one on-site visit to monitor 112
the application of the grant and compliance with this section and 113
any rules the director adopts pursuant to it, either during the 114
course of the grant period or within six months after the end of 115
the grant period. The employee shall verify that the grantee's 116
financial management system is structured to provide for accurate, 117
current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of the 118
grant program in accordance with all provisions, terms, and 119
conditions contained in the grant contract entered into by the 120
grantee and the director pursuant to this section and any rules 121
the director adopts pursuant to it. 122