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**A B I L L**

To enact section 122.177 of the Revised Code to 1  
authorize the Development Services Agency to award 2  
grants to businesses that employ high school 3  
students in career exploration internships and to 4  
make an appropriation. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 122.177 of the Revised Code be 6  
enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 122.177.** (A) As used in this section: 8

(1) "Business" means a sole proprietorship, a corporation for 9  
profit, or a pass-through entity as defined in section 5733.04 of 10  
the Revised Code. 11

(2) "Career exploration internship" means a paid employment 12  
relationship between a student intern and a business in which the 13  
student intern acquires education, instruction, and experience 14  
relevant to the student intern's career aspirations. 15

(3) "Student intern" means an individual who, at the time the 16  
business applies for a grant under division (B) of this section, 17

meets all of the following criteria: 18

(a) The individual is entitled to attend school in this state. 19  
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(b) The individual is either between sixteen and eighteen years of age or is enrolled in grade eleven or twelve. 21  
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(c) The individual has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0, or its equivalent as designated in the rules adopted by the state board of education. 23  
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(B) There is hereby created in the development services agency the career exploration internship program to award grants to businesses that employ a student intern in a career exploration internship. To qualify for a grant under the program, the career exploration internship shall be at least twenty weeks in duration and include at least two hundred hours of paid work and instruction. To obtain a grant, the business shall apply to the development services agency before the starting date of the career exploration internship. The application shall include all of the following: 26  
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(1) A brief description of the career exploration internship; 36

(2) A signed statement by the student intern briefly describing the student intern's career aspirations and how the student intern believes this career exploration internship may help achieve those aspirations; 37  
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(3) A signed statement by a principal or guidance counselor at the student intern's high school or, in the case of a home schooled student, an individual responsible for administering instruction to the student intern, acknowledging that the employment opportunity qualifies as a career exploration internship; 41  
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(4) The name, address, and telephone number of the business; 47

(5) Any other information required by the development services agency. 48  
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(C)(1) The development services agency shall review and make a determination with respect to each application submitted under division (B) of this section in the order in which the application is received. The agency shall not approve any application under this section that is received by the agency more than three years after the effective date of H.B. 107 of the 130th general assembly. The agency may not otherwise deny an application unless the application is incomplete, the proposed employment relationship does not qualify as a career exploration internship for which a grant may be awarded under this section, the business is ineligible to receive a grant under division (D)(1) of this section, or the agency determines that approving the application would cause the amount that could be awarded to exceed the amount of money in the career exploration internship fund. 50  
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(2) The agency shall send written notice of its determination to the applicant within thirty days after receiving the application. If the agency determines that the application shall not be approved, the notice shall include the reasons for such determination. 64  
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(3) The agency's determination is final and may not be appealed for any reason. A business may submit a new or amended application under division (B) of this section at any time before or after receiving notice under division (C)(2) of this section. 69  
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(D)(1) In any calendar year, the development services agency shall not award grants under this section to any business that has received grants for three career exploration internships in that calendar year. The agency shall not award a grant to a business unless the agency receives a report from the business within thirty days after the end of the career exploration internship or thirteen months after the approval of the application, whichever 73  
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<u>comes first, that includes all of the following:</u>	80
<u>(a) The date the student intern began the internship;</u>	81
<u>(b) The date the internship ended or a statement that the student will continue to be employed by the business;</u>	82 83
<u>(c) The total number of hours during the internship that the student intern was employed by the business;</u>	84 85
<u>(d) The total wages paid by the business to the student intern during the internship;</u>	86 87
<u>(e) A signed statement by the student intern briefly describing the duties performed during the internship and the skills and experiences gained throughout the internship;</u>	88 89 90
<u>(f) Any other information required by the agency.</u>	91
<u>(2) If the agency receives the report and determines that it contains all of the information and the statement required by division (D)(1) of this section and that the career exploration internship described in the report complies with all the provisions of this section, the agency shall award a grant to the business. The amount of the grant shall equal the lesser of the following:</u>	92 93 94 95 96 97 98
<u>(a) Fifty per cent of the wages paid by the business to the student intern for the first twelve months following the date the application was approved;</u>	99 100 101
<u>(b) Five thousand dollars.</u>	102
<u>(E) A business that receives a grant under this section may submit a new application under division (B) of this section for another career exploration internship with the same student intern. Such an application does not have to include the statements otherwise required by divisions (B)(2) and (3) of this section.</u>	103 104 105 106 107 108
<u>(F) Annually, before the seventh day of January until the</u>	109

January of the third year that follows the year that includes the 110  
effective date of H.B. 107 of the 130th general assembly, the 111  
development services agency shall compile a report indicating the 112  
number of career exploration internships approved by the agency 113  
under this section, the statements issued by the student interns 114  
under divisions (B)(2) and (D)(1)(e) of this section, the number 115  
of student interns that continued employment with the business 116  
after the termination of the career exploration internship, and 117  
the total amount of grants awarded under this section. The report 118  
shall not disclose any student interns' personally identifiable 119  
information. The agency shall provide copies of the report to the 120  
governor, the speaker and minority leader of the house of 121  
representatives, and the president and minority leader of the 122  
senate. 123

(G) The development services agency may adopt rules necessary 124  
to administer this section in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 125  
Revised Code. 126

(H) The career exploration internship fund is hereby created 127  
in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of a portion of the 128  
proceeds from the upfront license fees paid for the casino 129  
facilities authorized under Section 6(C) of Article XV, Ohio 130  
Constitution. Money in the fund shall be used by the development 131  
services agency to provide grants under this section. 132

**Section 2.** All items in this section are hereby appropriated 133  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 134  
credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this 135  
act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2015 and those 136  
in the second column are for fiscal year 2016. The appropriations 137  
made in this act are in addition to any other appropriations made 138  
for the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium and the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium. 139

DEV DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY	140
State Special Revenue Fund Group	141
5NS0 195616 Career Exploration \$ 1,000,000 \$ 0	142
Internship	
TOTAL SSR State Special Revenue \$ 1,000,000 \$ 0	143
Fund Group	
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$ 1,000,000 \$ 0	144
CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIP	145
The foregoing appropriation item 195616, Career Exploration	146
Internship, shall be used for the Career Exploration Internship	147
Program as described in section 122.177 of the Revised Code.	148
Any unexpended and unencumbered portion of the foregoing	149
appropriation item 195616, Career Exploration Internship, at the	150
end of fiscal year 2015 is hereby reappropriated for the same	151
purpose in fiscal year 2016.	152
<b>Section 3.</b> TRANSFER TO CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIP FUND	153
On July 1, 2014, or as soon as possible thereafter, the	154
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$1,000,000 cash	155
from the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by	156
the Board of Regents to the Career Exploration Internship Fund	157
(Fund 5NS0) used by the Development Services Agency.	158
<b>Section 4.</b> Within the limits set forth in this act, the	159
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts	160
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation	161
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which	162
appropriation accounts shall be maintained.	163
Expenditures from the FY 2015 appropriation contained in this	164
act shall be accounted for as though made in Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of	165
the 130th General Assembly. The FY 2015 appropriation made in this	166
act is subject to all provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th	167

General Assembly that are generally applicable to such 168  
appropriations. 169

Expenditures from the FY 2016 appropriation contained in this 170  
act shall be accounted for as though made in the main operating 171  
appropriations act of the 131st General Assembly. The FY 2016 172  
appropriation made in this act is subject to all provisions of the 173  
main operating appropriations act of the 131st General Assembly 174  
that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 175