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To amend section 5747.98 and to enact sections 1
3333.92 and 5747.78 of the Revised Code to 2
establish the Workforce Grant Program, to 3
authorize an income tax credit equal to 25% of the 4
student loan payments a grant recipient makes per 5
year, and to make an appropriation. 6

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

Section 1. That section 5747.98 be amended and sections 7
3333.92 and 5747.78 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 3333.92. (A) As used in this section, "eligible student" 10
means a student who is enrolled in a state institution of higher 11
education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 12

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(B) The workforce grant program is hereby established. Under 14
the program, the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall 15
award grants to eligible students who are pursuing the degrees or 16
certifications that are required for the jobs that are determined 17
to be the most in demand in this state by the department of job 18

and family services under section 6301.11 of the Revised Code. 19

(C)(1) On an annual basis, the maximum amount of a grant 20
awarded to an eligible student shall be five thousand dollars. 21
One-third of the amount of the grant shall be distributed at the 22
beginning of the academic year, and the remainder of the grant 23
shall be distributed proportionally throughout the remainder of 24
the academic year upon the student's successful completion of the 25
milestones specified in rules adopted by the chancellor under 26
division (D)(3) of this section. 27

(2) A grant may be renewed in accordance with the rules 28
adopted by the chancellor under division (D) of this section. 29

(D) The chancellor shall adopt rules regarding the operations 30
of the grant program, including all of the following: 31

(1) Application procedures; 32

(2) The method for selecting grant recipients, which shall 33
include both of the following: 34

(a) An assessment of an applicant's need for financial aid; 35

(b) An analysis of whether the degree or certification that 36
is being pursued by an applicant is required for one or more of 37
the jobs that are determined to be the most in demand in this 38
state by the department of job and family services under section 39
6301.11 of the Revised Code. 40

(3) Milestones that must be attained by a grant recipient in 41
order to receive the remainder of an annual grant under division 42
(C) of this section, including spending thirty to ninety days in a 43
workplace where the degree or certification that is being pursued 44
by the grant recipient is required for employment or participating 45
in a cooperative or internship program in a workplace where the 46
degree or certification that is being pursued by the grant 47
recipient is required for employment; 48

<u>(4) Other requirements that must be completed by a grant</u>	49
<u>recipient, including both of the following:</u>	50
<u>(a) The completion of curriculum that includes skills needed</u>	51
<u>by employers;</u>	52
<u>(b) The completion of counseling regarding the proper</u>	53
<u>management of student loans.</u>	54
<u>(5) Grant renewal procedures.</u>	55
<u>(E) The chancellor shall adopt rules establishing a procedure</u>	56
<u>for distributing information to high school students and</u>	57
<u>first-year college students in this state regarding the jobs that</u>	58
<u>are determined to be the most in demand in this state by the</u>	59
<u>department of job and family services under section 6301.11 of the</u>	60
<u>Revised Code and the educational requirements for those jobs.</u>	61
 <u>Sec. 5747.78. (A) As used in this section:</u>	62
<u>(1) "Eligible student loan" means a loan used to pay the</u>	63
<u>tuition and related expenses required to earn a qualifying degree</u>	64
<u>or certification from an institution of higher education as</u>	65
<u>defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.</u>	66
<u>(2) "Eligible grant recipient" means a person who received a</u>	67
<u>grant under section 3333.92 of the Revised Code and who is</u>	68
<u>employed in an in-demand job.</u>	69
<u>(3) "In-demand job" means a job that is determined to be one</u>	70
<u>of the most in demand in this state by the department of job and</u>	71
<u>family services under section 6301.11 of the Revised Code.</u>	72
<u>(4) "Qualifying degree or certification" means a degree or</u>	73
<u>certification the pursuit of which qualified the eligible grant</u>	74
<u>recipient for a grant under section 3333.92 of the Revised Code.</u>	75
<u>(B) There is hereby allowed a refundable credit against the</u>	76
<u>tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for an eligible</u>	77

grant recipient who makes payments on an eligible student loan 78
during the taxable year. The amount of the credit shall equal 79
twenty-five per cent of the amount of principal and interest paid 80
on the eligible student loan, excluding any such principal or 81
interest that is otherwise deducted or excluded in computing the 82
federal or Ohio adjusted gross income of the taxpayer, during the 83
taxable year. The credit shall be claimed in the order prescribed 84
by section 5747.98 of the Revised Code. If the credit exceeds the 85
amount of tax otherwise due for the taxable year, the excess shall 86
be refunded to the taxpayer. 87

(C) The tax commissioner may require an eligible grant 88
recipient to furnish any information necessary to support a claim 89
for credit under this section, and no credit shall be allowed 90
unless such information is provided. 91

Sec. 5747.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for 92
calculating the amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the 93
Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the 94
taxpayer is entitled in the following order: 95

(1) The retirement income credit under division (B) of 96
section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 97

(2) The senior citizen credit under division (C) of section 98
5747.05 of the Revised Code; 99

(3) The lump sum distribution credit under division (D) of 100
section 5747.05 of the Revised Code; 101

(4) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the 102
Revised Code; 103

(5) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (C) 104
of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 105

(6) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (D) 106
of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code; 107

(7) The lump sum retirement income credit under division (E) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;	108 109
(8) The low-income credit under section 5747.056 of the Revised Code;	110 111
(9) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code;	112 113
(10) The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 of the Revised Code;	114 115
(11) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under section 5747.022 of the Revised Code;	116 117
(12) The joint filing credit under division (G) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	118 119
(13) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	120 121
(14) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;	122 123
(15) The earned income credit under section 5747.71 of the Revised Code;	124 125
(16) The credit for employers that reimburse employee child care expenses under section 5747.36 of the Revised Code;	126 127
(17) The credit for adoption of a minor child under section 5747.37 of the Revised Code;	128 129
(18) The credit for purchases of lights and reflectors under section 5747.38 of the Revised Code;	130 131
(19) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division (B) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;	132 133
(20) The credit for selling alternative fuel under section 5747.77 of the Revised Code;	134 135
(21) The second credit for purchases of new manufacturing	136

machinery and equipment and the credit for using Ohio coal under	137
section 5747.31 of the Revised Code;	138
(22) The job training credit under section 5747.39 of the	139
Revised Code;	140
(23) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the	141
Revised Code;	142
(24) The credit for the eligible costs associated with a	143
voluntary action under section 5747.32 of the Revised Code;	144
(25) The credit for employers that establish on-site child	145
day-care centers under section 5747.35 of the Revised Code;	146
(26) The ethanol plant investment credit under section	147
5747.75 of the Revised Code;	148
(27) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production	149
property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;	150
(28) The small business investment credit under section	151
5747.81 of the Revised Code;	152
(29) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of the	153
Revised Code;	154
(30) The research and development credit under section	155
5747.331 of the Revised Code;	156
(31) The credit for rehabilitating a historic building under	157
section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	158
(32) The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic	159
building under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	160
(33) The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention	161
credit under division (A) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;	162
(34) The refundable credit for taxes paid by a qualifying	163
entity granted under section 5747.059 of the Revised Code;	164
(35) The refundable credits for taxes paid by a qualifying	165

pass-through entity granted under division (I) of section 5747.08 166
of the Revised Code; 167

(36) The refundable credit under section 5747.80 of the 168
Revised Code for losses on loans made to the Ohio venture capital 169
program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code; 170

(37) The refundable motion picture production credit under 171
section 5747.66 of the Revised Code; 172

(38) The refundable credit for financial institution taxes 173
paid by a pass-through entity granted under section 5747.65 of the 174
Revised Code; 175

(39) The refundable credit for student loan payments made by 176
eligible grant recipients under section 5747.78 of the Revised 177
Code. 178

(B) For any credit, except the refundable credits enumerated 179
in this section and the credit granted under division (H) of 180
section 5747.08 of the Revised Code, the amount of the credit for 181
a taxable year shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any 182
other credit that precedes it in the order required under this 183
section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried 184
forward if authorized under the section creating that credit. 185
Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to 186
claim, directly or indirectly, a credit more than once for a 187
taxable year. 188

Section 2. That existing section 5747.98 of the Revised Code 189
is hereby repealed. 190

Section 3. All items in this section are hereby appropriated 191
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 192
credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this 193
act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2014 and those 194
in the second column are for fiscal year 2015. The appropriations 195

made in this act are in addition to any other appropriations made 196
for the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium. 197

Appropriations

BOR BOARD OF REGENTS 198

General Revenue Fund 199

GRF 235581 Workforce Grants	\$	0	\$	100,000,000	200
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TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$	0	\$	100,000,000	201
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TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	0	\$	100,000,000	202
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WORKFORCE GRANTS 203

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235581, Workforce Grants, 204
up to \$500,000 in fiscal year 2015 shall be used by the Chancellor 205
of the Board of Regents to coordinate a statewide effort to 206
promote workforce grant programs. 207

The remainder of appropriation item 235581, Workforce Grants, 208
shall be used by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents to 209
distribute grant awards pursuant to section 3333.92 of the Revised 210
Code. 211

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 212
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 213
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 214
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which 215
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 216
appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as 217
though made in Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly. 218

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 219
provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly that 220
are generally applicable to such appropriations. 221