

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes the Career Training Workforce Development Grant Program to award grants to eligible students.
- Allocates a portion of the casino license fees to finance the program.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Career Training Workforce Development Grant Program

(R.C. 3333.38, 3333.46, and 3345.32)

The bill establishes the Career Training Workforce Development Grant Program under which the Director of Development is to award grants to eligible students.¹ To be eligible to receive a grant, a student must meet both of the following conditions:

- (1) The student has an expected family contribution, as defined by the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents under current law, of not more than \$2,190. (The expected family contribution is what parents are expected to contribute to their child's education.)
- (2) The student is enrolled in a bachelor's or associate's degree program or course of study in the fields of business administration or management, finance, information technology or application, health care, or hospitality at either a private institution that holds a certificate of registration from the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (that is, a for-profit private institution or "proprietary school") or a private

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¹ R.C. 3333.46(B).

institution (such as DeVry University) exempt from such regulation as prescribed under current law.²

The grants are to be awarded, in amounts determined by the Director, using moneys from the Career Training Workforce Development Grant Fund. The Fund, which the bill creates in the state treasury, is to consist of 20% of the proceeds from the upfront license fees paid for the casino facilities authorized under Article XV, Section 6 of the Ohio Constitution.³ The upfront license fee is \$50 million per casino operator.⁴

The Director is required to prescribe rules governing the procedures necessary for the administration of the Program, including the following:

- (1) Application procedures for a grant;
- (2) Conditions and terms under which an eligible student may receive a grant;
- (3) Limitations on a grant award, including a maximum period of time for which an eligible student may receive a grant;
 - (4) Calculations of the amount of a grant awarded to an eligible student;
 - (5) Disbursement of grants to eligible students.⁵

The bill specifies that the grants are considered to be a form of student financial assistance for the purposes of existing laws prohibiting such assistance to anyone who, within the preceding two years, has been found guilty of certain "offenses against the public peace," including participating in a riot, failing to disperse at the scene of certain incidents, or misconduct among a group of persons committing disorderly conduct, or anyone who has not filed a statement of their military selective service status.⁶

HISTORY
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² R.C. 3333.46(A).
³ R.C. 3333.46(B).
⁴ R.C. 3772.17.
⁵ R.C. 3333.46(C).
⁶ R.C. 3333.38 and 3345.32.