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SUMMARY

- Requires the Director of Agriculture to establish a grant program to reimburse farmers and schools for the installation of rollover protective structures on eligible tractors.
- Requires the Director to adopt rules to administer the Rollover Grant Program that do all of the following:
 - Establish eligibility criteria for awarding grants;
 - Define what a “tractor” is for purposes of the Program; and
 - Establish requirements governing the amount that a farmer or school may be reimbursed under the Program.
- Establishes the Rollover Grant Program Fund to be used by the Director for issuing grants under the Program and promoting and administering the Program.
- Appropriates \$200,000 in the General Revenue Fund to the Program in fiscal year 2019.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Rollover Grant Program

The bill requires the Director of Agriculture to establish a grant program to reimburse farmers and schools for costs incurred from installing rollover protective structures on eligible tractors. The Director must adopt rules for the administration of the Rollover Grant Program that do all of the following:

1. Establish eligibility criteria for awarding the grants. In order to receive funding, any rollover protective structure installed by a farmer or school on a tractor must meet appropriate national or international standards for rollover protective structures, including standards of the Society of Automobile Engineers International and must have seatbelts.

2. Define what a “tractor” is for purposes of the Program; and
3. Establish requirements governing the amount that a farmer or school may be reimbursed for the costs associated with the installation of rollover protective structures. The Director cannot reimburse a farmer or school more than 70% of the incurred costs. However, the Director may increase the amount beyond 70% if it is necessary to limit the cost incurred by a farmer or school, but only up to \$500 per tractor.¹

Rollover Grant Program Fund

The bill creates the Rollover Grant Program Fund consisting of any grant, gift, devise, or bequest and any money appropriated to it. The Director must use money in the Fund for both of the following:

1. The issuance of grants under the Program; and
2. The promotion and administration of the Program. However, the Director cannot spend more than 20% of the Fund money for promotion and administration expenses.²

The bill appropriates \$200,000 in fiscal year 2021 to the fund from the General Revenue Fund.³

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 901.61(A).

² R.C. 901.61(B).

³ Sections 3 and 4.