



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Director of Development Services to adopt rules to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth in Ohio.
- Requires the Development Services Agency (DSA) to identify and compile pledges of summer job opportunities, which must be made available on a searchable website and publicized in a manner that targets high school and college youth.
- Requires the website to include a form on which youth are encouraged to answer the question, "What do you dream about doing with your first paycheck?" with answers to the question to be compiled in an annual report that must be submitted to legislative leaders in the General Assembly.
- Requires the Department of Job and Family Services to reimburse DSA for the costs of the program using federal funds to the extent those funds are available.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Youth summer jobs pledging initiative

The bill requires the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth in Ohio.

The Director is required to adopt, and may amend or rescind, administrative rules to establish, and to operate, maintain, and improve the initiative. The rules must provide for all of the following:

- That the Development Services Agency (DSA) identify and compile pledges, not later than the last day of February in each year, of employment opportunities that will be available to high school and college youth during the following summer;
- The establishment of a searchable summer employment opportunity database on DSA's public Internet website in which DSA will post all of the summer employment opportunity information that it compiles, including contact information for the potential employers, that high school and college youth may access to identify summer employment opportunities;
- That DSA publicize the availability of the summer employment opportunity database in a manner that targets high school and college youth in Ohio;
- An anonymous form to appear on the website, when youth access the summer employment opportunity database, encouraging them to answer the question, "What do you dream about doing with your first paycheck?"

The rules must be adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

DSA must compile the answers of what youth dream of doing with their first paychecks into an annual report. Not later than December 31 of each year, DSA must submit a copy of the compiled report to the President and Minority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

Payment of program costs

The bill requires the Director of Development Services to account for the costs of operating the youth summer jobs pledging program separately from the other costs incurred by DSA. Not later than December 31 in each year, the Director must submit a copy of the itemized accounting to the Director of Job and Family Services and request reimbursement for those costs. The Director of Job and Family Services must reimburse the Director of Development Services for costs incurred in operating the program using funds made available through the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998¹ or through

¹ 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801, as amended.



the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act,² as applicable, that are reserved for youth for statewide activities, to the extent that those funds are available.³

HISTORY

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² 128 Stat. 1428, 29 U.S.C. 3101.

³ R.C. 122.043.

