



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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(H. Economic and Workforce Development)

This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (LSC 131 0320-2)
Appropriations	Appropriates \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 for the proposed Workforce Grant Program. Requires up to \$500,000 to be used by the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents for a statewide promotion effort. <i>(Sections 3 and 4.)</i>	Appropriates \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 for the proposed program. Requires the Chancellor each fiscal year to use up to \$500,000 of the appropriation for a statewide promotion effort. <i>(Sections 4 and 5.)</i>
Program termination	No provision.	Terminates the proposed Workforce Grant Program on December 31, 2019. Distributes the remainder of a grant awarded to an eligible student before the proposed program is terminated, until the student earns a qualifying degree, certification, or license. <i>(Sections 3 and 6.)</i>

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Tax credit	Authorizes a refundable income tax credit equal to 25% of the eligible student loan payments made by an individual who was awarded a grant and is employed in an in-demand job (<i>R.C. 5747.78 and 5747.98</i>).	No provision.
Program report	No provision.	Requires the Chancellor to do all of the following: (1) develop metrics showing the number of grants awarded and the number of grant recipients who became employed in an in-demand job within 12 months of completing a qualifying degree, certification, or license, (2) conduct a dynamic scoring of taxes generated, and (3) perform a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed Program's costs against the dynamic scoring of taxes generated and income generated from employment in in-demand jobs. Requires the Chancellor to submit the report on the information obtained to the Governor and the General Assembly not later than December 31, 2018. (<i>R.C. 3333.92(G)</i> .)
Eligibility	Requires a student, to be eligible to receive a grant, to be enrolled in a state institution of higher education and pursue a degree or certification that is required to become employed in jobs that are most in demand in Ohio as determined by the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) under continuing law (<i>R.C. 3333.92(A), (B), (D), and (E)</i>).	Expands eligibility to include a student who is enrolled in a public or private institution, as defined in the bill, and who is pursuing a degree, certification, or license that is required for a job that is determined by JFS to be in demand in Ohio and its regions (not the most in-demand) (<i>R.C. 3333.92(A), (B), and (D)</i>).
Definition of "public or private institution"	No provision.	Defines a "public or private institution" as any of the following: (1) a state institution of higher education, (2) a private, nonprofit institution in the state holding a certificate of authorization from the Ohio Board of Regents (a private university),

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		or (3) an Ohio technical center that provides adult technical education services as recognized by the Chancellor (<i>R.C. 3333.92(A)(3)</i>).
Maximum amount of grant award	Caps the maximum amount of a grant award a student may receive at \$5,000 per academic year (<i>R.C. 3333.92(C)(1)</i>).	Same, except the grant may not exceed 75% of the cost of tuition per academic year (<i>R.C. 3333.92(C)(1)</i>).
Distribution of grant	Distributes one-third of the amount of the grant at the beginning of the academic year, and the remainder proportionally throughout the remainder of the academic year as the student completes milestones specified in rules adopted by the Chancellor (<i>R.C. 3333.92(C)(1)</i>).	Requires the Chancellor to adopt rules for determining the distribution of the grants. Requires the greatest portion of the grant to be distributed when the student is completing the academic program and seeking an in-demand job. (<i>R.C. 3333.92(C) and (D)(5)</i> .)
Duration of a grant award	Awards a grant for an academic year and allows grants to be renewed (<i>R.C. 3333.92(C)</i>).	Awards a grant for the time it takes a student to complete a qualifying degree, certification, or license (<i>R.C. 3333.92(C)</i>).
Disciplinary actions against students	No provision.	Requires the Chancellor to adopt rules establishing a procedure for a public or private institution to take disciplinary action against a student who is awarded a grant and fails to complete an academic program (<i>R.C. 3333.92(D)</i>).
Underwriting tuition increases	No provision.	Prohibits a public or private institution from using grant moneys to underwrite a tuition increase (<i>R.C. 3333.92(C)</i>).
Request for proposals	No provision.	Requires the Ohio Board of Regents to issue a request for proposals to coordinate and conduct the statewide promotion effort of the proposed program. Establishes requirements and procedures for the Ohio Board of Regents for the request for proposals. (<i>R.C. 3333.92(F)</i> .)

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Regional in-demand jobs	Maintains current law, which requires JFS to create a list of jobs that are in demand by employers operating in Ohio and publish the list on JFS's website and requires local workforce investment boards to use the list to cultivate and prioritize workforce development activities (R.C. 6301.11).	Requires JFS to create lists of in-demand jobs in the state and in each region of the state. Requires the Director of JFS to determine the regions. Requires local boards to use both of these lists. (R.C. 6301.11.)
Distribution of information to students	Requires the Chancellor to adopt rules for distributing information on in-demand jobs and their educational requirements to high school and first-year college students (R.C. 3333.92(E)).	Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with the State Board of Education, to adopt rules for training school counselors to distribute information on in-demand jobs and their educational requirements to high school students (R.C. 3333.92(E)).
Financial aid	Requires the Chancellor to adopt rules to determine the method for selecting grant recipients, which must include an assessment of an applicant's need for financial aid (R.C. 3333.92(D)).	Requires the financial aid assessment to include the sources of income and other financial aid the applicant has been awarded (R.C. 3333.92(D)).
Loan counseling	Requires the Chancellor to adopt rules establishing other requirements that must be completed by a grant recipient, including completing counseling regarding the proper management of student loans (R.C. 3333.92(D)).	Requires that counseling also to include counseling on how to minimize the amount of student loan debt (R.C. 3333.92(D)).

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