



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- 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 and to adopt rules to establish, operate, maintain, and improve the initiative.
- Requires the Development Services Agency to identify and compile pledges of summer job opportunities, which must be made available through a searchable database on the OhioMeansJobs website and publicized in a manner that targets high school and college youth.
- Requires the development of a form on the OhioMeansJobs website where youth are encouraged to answer the question, "What do you dream about doing with your first paycheck?" anonymously, with answers to the question to be compiled in an annual report that must be submitted to legislative leaders in the General Assembly.

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 include all of the following:

- A requirement 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 scale to determine the suggested number of employment opportunities an employer may pledge to be available to high school and college youth during the summer, based on the employer's assets, annual gross receipts, and number of employees;
- The establishment of a searchable summer employment opportunity database on the OhioMeansJobs website (Ohio's electronic system for labor exchange and job placement activity) 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;
- A requirement that DSA publicize the availability of the summer employment opportunity database in a manner that targets high school and college youth in Ohio;
- The development of a form to appear on the OhioMeansJobs 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?" and allowing them to answer anonymously.

The rules must be adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

DSA must compile the answers submitted through the OhioMeansJobs website 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.¹

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¹ R.C. 122.043.

