



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Provides for the continued implementation and growth of the Ohio Youth STEM Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program ("Program").
- Appropriates money for the Program in FY 2017.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Ohio Youth STEM Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program

The bill provides support for the continued implementation and growth of the Believe in Ohio Youth STEM Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program ("Program"). The Program's purpose is to grow Ohio's next generation of entrepreneurs, to create jobs in Ohio by focusing on the practical application of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, and health, and to innovate new products and services.

The Program must do the following:

- (1) Conduct regional STEM forums for students and educators;
- (2) Develop regional online high school, middle school, and collegiate STEM commercialization and entrepreneurship content and courses;
- (3) Create STEM commercialization and entrepreneurship mentoring networks for high school and middle school students throughout Ohio;

(4) Conduct local and statewide STEM Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Plan competitions that include incentive awards and scholarships for students and professional development and incentives for teacher participation.

The bill provides that the Program must be open to all Ohio high school and middle school students, and must include initiatives to engage minority, rural, urban, and economically disadvantaged students throughout Ohio. The Program must collaborate with Ohio's colleges and universities, existing STEM and entrepreneurship programs, and Ohio's STEM professional and trade associations to implement the bill's provisions to create new products or services of the future, advance job creation in Ohio, encourage enrollment at Ohio's higher education institutions, and encourage students to join Ohio's workforce after graduation.

The bill appropriates \$3,000,000 from GRF in FY 2017 to support the Program's continued implementation.

HISTORY

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