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BORCD91 Contracts with unaccredited online program managers**R.C. 1713.03, 1713.032, 3333.0420**

Defines a "contractual agreement" as a contract in which a state or private nonprofit institution of higher education grants an unaccredited online program manager input or authority on any of the following: (1) curriculum development, design, or maintenance; (2) student assessment and grading; (3) course assessment; (4) admissions requirements; (5) appointment of faculty; (6) faculty assessment; (7) decision to award course credit or credential; (8) institutional governance.

Requires each state institution of higher education annually to report to the Chancellor of Higher Education each contractual agreement it entered into in that year.

Requires each private nonprofit institution to disclose on its annual report to the Chancellor any unaccredited online program managers it has contracted with to provide instruction to its students.

Authorizes the Chancellor to request that an institution provide the Chancellor with all information concerning a contractual agreement, including a copy of the agreement.

Requires a private nonprofit institution that intends to enter into a contractual agreement to submit appropriate documentation to the Chancellor and obtain approval before entering into the agreement.

Permits the Chancellor to require that each state institution submit a contractual agreement to the Chancellor prior to the agreement's execution for a review to ensure compliance with the standards and procedures for academic program review.

Requires each state and private nonprofit institution to do all of the following with regard to a contractual agreement:

- (1) Maintain responsibility for and oversight of the academic program as specified in the Chancellor's standards and procedures for academic program approval;
- (2) Ensure each academic program is offered in the manner approved by the Chancellor or formally request approval for a significant change to the previously approved program or approval of a new academic program; and
- (3) Notify students which parties are providing instruction, recruitment, and other services under the agreement.

Prohibits a state or private nonprofit institution from entering a contractual agreement unless the agreement grants the Chancellor the authority to invalidate the agreement if it either was not approved by the Chancellor or is not compliant with the Chancellor's standards and procedures for academic program approval.

Requires a state or private nonprofit institution to offer each current student remediated instruction at no cost or a full refund if the Chancellor invalidates a contractual agreement.

Fiscal effect: A state institution that enters into a contractual agreement will incur increased administrative costs.

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BORCD93 Higher education institution program review**R.C. 1713.041, 3333.074**

Requires each state and private nonprofit institution of higher education to annually submit the following information to the Chancellor: the institution's accreditation status, a plan to preserve student records indefinitely in case of closure, the results of any external degree program evaluations that occurred in the last year, and any other information requested by the Chancellor.

Requires each private nonprofit institution to submit a list of current degree programs offered in Ohio and the latest financial statement for the most recent fiscal year compiled by an independent certified public accountant.

Permits the Chancellor to rescind approval of a program or a private nonprofit institution's authorization if an institution fails to submit the required information.

Requires each institution to immediately notify the Chancellor if it is placed on special monitoring status by the federal government or an accrediting organization, receives preliminary or final accreditation findings, is under investigation by a government agency, fails to make specified payments, makes budget revisions resulting in substantially reduced ending fund balance or larger deficit, or becomes aware of significant negative variance between its annual budget and actual revenues or expenses projected at the end of the fiscal year.

Requires each state institution to notify the Chancellor if it has requested an advance of a state subsidy.

Exempts documents submitted to the Chancellor that are related to heightened reporting standards or special monitoring status, accreditation findings, or government agency investigations from public records requests until such time the document is released by the appropriate entity.

Specifies that financial documents submitted to the Chancellor by a private nonprofit institution are not public records.

Fiscal effect: Provides ODHE greater oversight for institutions that may be in financial distress. State institutions may incur an increase in administrative costs to meet the reporting and notification requirements.

BORCD85 Choose Ohio First Co-Op/Internship Program reporting**R.C. 3333.041**

Eliminates the requirement for the Chancellor to annually report to the Governor and General Assembly the academic and economic impact of the Ohio Co-Op/Internship Program.

Fiscal effect: ODHE may experience a slight reduction in administrative workload.

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BORCD90 Attainment Goal 2025 replacement

R.C. 3333.0415

Replaces the outdated requirement that the Chancellor and DEW prepare an annual report regarding the progress the state is making in increasing the percentage of adults with a postsecondary credential to 65% by the year 2025 with one that requires the Chancellor, DEW, and OWT to establish the level of attainment necessary to achieve identified performance targets across a range of degrees and credentials.

Fiscal effect: None.**BORCD84 Teach CS program changes**

R.C. 3333.129

Modifies the purpose of Teach CS from funding "coursework, materials, and exams to support the increasing number of existing teachers who qualify to teach computer science" to providing "support for increasing the number of Ohio teachers who qualify to teach computer science or to expand the knowledge of existing teachers."

Authorizes funds to be spent on coursework, materials, exams, teacher stipends, performance-based incentives, and for other purposes as determined by the Chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education.

Fiscal effect: Teach CS' changes may increase the number of participants in the program. The bill appropriates just over \$4.0 million in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235413, Computer Science, to support the program (see BORCD5).**BORCD86 College credit for military training, experience, and coursework**

R.C. 3333.164

Permits the Chancellor to require state and private institutions of higher education to establish a process to evaluate military training, experience, and coursework and to award appropriate equivalent college credit to a student who is a veteran. Permits the Chancellor to adopt rules to implement those requirements.

Fiscal effect: If an institution is required to award equivalent college credit for certain military experience, it may forego tuition and fees that would have been otherwise charged to the student for enrolling in a course.**BORCD83 Ohio Work Ready Grant Program changes**

R.C. 3333.24

Requires the Chancellor and OWT to establish alternative criteria based on Ohio's emerging workforce needs to identify qualified programs for which a student may receive a first-time grant under the program on or after the bill's effective date.

Requires the Chancellor to collect and report data on technician-aligned associate degrees as a program metric.

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Fiscal effect: Under current law, a qualified program is a credit or noncredit program that leads to an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree that (1) prepares the student for an in-demand or critical job or (2) is submitted by a two-year community college or regional campus or OTC to meet regional workforce needs. The bill appropriates \$10 million in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant Program, to fund the grants (see BORCD9).

BORCD92 Strategic Square Footage Reduction**R.C. 3333.96, 3334.11, 3334.12**

Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with OFCC, to administer and award revolving loans to state institutions of higher education that enable the voluntary reduction of physical square footage at their campuses.

Requires the Chancellor and OFCC to establish: (1) procedures and forms to apply for a loan; (2) a competitive process for ranking applicants and awarding the loans, with priority given to state institutions whose general student population has decreased; (3) procedures and timelines for distributing the loans and collecting payments for the fund; and (4) procedures for each state institution to include in its application.

Requires the Chancellor and OFCC to consider the following in making final awards: (1) the value of the facilities if sold or reallocated to serve other purposes; (2) the relative age and condition of the facilities to be deconstructed; (3) historical enrollment patterns as well as future enrollment projections; (4) the composition of classes offered in person versus in an online format; (5) the level of deferred maintenance; (6) the prior level of state investment; (7) the amount of annual operating expenses defrayed by eliminating the facilities; and (8) a report from OBM that details the extent and status of past capital budget funding for the project and the existence of any outstanding bonded debt derived from that support.

Requires each recipient institution annually to provide a summary of financial information regarding the loan.

Requires a state institution's board of trustees to adopt a resolution approving the demolition project prior to using the loan.

Requires any net proceeds received from any demolition, at the direction of the OBM Director, to be credited to funds in the state treasury, or to accounts held by the state institution.

Prohibits a state institution that receives a loan from constructing any new facility at the same time demolition is occurring.

Requires TOS, upon request by the Chancellor and approval by the OBM Director, to transfer funds from the Ohio Tuition Reserve Fund to the Strategic Square Footage Reduction Fund (Fund 5JC1) created by the bill. Requires TOS, upon request by the Chancellor, to transfer the amount determined to be surplus, based on the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund's annual actuarial soundness evaluation conducted under continuing law, to Fund 5JC1. Requires at least 5% of the surplus to remain in the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$82.7 million in FY 2026 from Fund 5CJ1 ALI 2356A2, Strategic Square Footage Reduction, to support the loans. According to ODHE, the Ohio Tuition Reserve Fund, a sub-fund of the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund, currently has a balance of \$89.3 million.

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BORCD89 Rules adopted by state institutions of higher education**R.C. 3345.033, 3345.14, 3345.57, 3345.69**

Eliminates the requirement that the LSC Director publish rules adopted by a state institution of higher education in the electronic Administrative Code and the requirement that the state institution file a copy of the rule with JCARR.

Requires a state institution to annually submit an electronic copy of all effective rules to the Chancellor and the chairpersons of the committees that primarily deal with higher education in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Permits the chairpersons to hold a hearing and require a representative from the state institution to provide testimony regarding the rule, upon both receipt of a rule and failure to receive the rule.

Exempts rules posted on a state institution's website from review by JCARR and state law governing rules adopted by state agencies.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

BORCD88 Guaranteed admission**R.C. 3345.06**

Guarantees admission to a state institution of higher education for each high school graduate in the top 10% of the graduate's graduating class.

Permits a state university to delay admission to its main campus and, instead, admit a student to a regional campus if the student does not meet the standards for unconditional admission.

Guarantees admission to the main campus of a state institution to each recipient of the Governor's Merit Scholarship (see BORCD43).

Fiscal effect: May increase enrollment at state institutions, which would increase tuition revenues as well as instructional costs. State institutions may gain or lose revenue from state share of instruction (SSI) formula payments depending on how the enrollment of these individuals changes the institution's share of institutional outcome factors used in the formula.

BORCD94 State and private nonprofit institution student record preservation plans**R.C. 3345.601, 1713.032**

Requires each state and private nonprofit institution of higher education to annually provide the Chancellor with a plan to preserve student records indefinitely if the institution were to close.

Authorizes the Chancellor to consult with the Higher Learning Commission, the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, and other appropriate entities to establish plans, processes, and procedures for institutions and schools to provide indefinite access to student records.

Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in administrative costs for state institutions.

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BORCD95 State institutions under fiscal caution**R.C. 3345.721, 3345.71**

Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with OBM, to adopt rules that include:

- (1) Criteria for determining when to review and, if necessary, declare a state institution under fiscal caution;
- (2) A requirement that a state institution on fiscal caution submit a financial recovery plan within a defined period after the declaration is made;
- (3) A requirement that a state institution on fiscal caution submit a three-year forecast of revenues and expenditures;
- (4) A requirement that a state institution on fiscal caution consult with AUD regarding steps to bring the institution's financial accounting and reporting into compliance with AUD's requirements;
- (5) A requirement that a state institution submit regular reports for the duration of a fiscal caution; and
- (6) Criteria for determining when to declare the termination of the fiscal caution of a state institution.

Permits the Chancellor to impose limitations on a state institution that fails to comply with requirements related to a fiscal caution or fails to take decisive action to improve the institution's financial condition.

Fiscal effect: ODHE, OBM, and AUD may incur increased administrative costs in identifying and supporting institutions under fiscal distress.

BORCD97 Financial indicators and governance authorities for state institutions in fiscal watch**R.C. 3345.74, 3345.75**

Requires the Chancellor to use specified financial indicators to determine whether the board of trustees of a state institution has taken any action related to pausing or stopping enrollment, submitted a withdrawal of accreditation, or taken any other action indicating the institution will no longer offer educational activity or will undergo a wind down and dissolution of existence.

Requires a five-member governance authority appointed for a state institution in fiscal watch to include one member with expertise in academic affairs and accreditation and one member with expertise in either state agency budgets or state institution finances.

Requires the governance authority to include in its report all matters related to compliance with institution closure requirements specified by the Chancellor if it determines closure is necessary or is appointed to facilitate an orderly closure.

Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in administrative workload for the governing authority.

BORCD96 Fiscal integrity of state institutions of higher education**R.C. 3345.79**

Makes the following declarations:

- (1) Requiring the fiscal integrity of state institutions is the public policy and a public purpose of the state;
- (2) The intent of the General Assembly to enact procedures, provide powers, and impose restrictions to assure fiscal integrity of state universities; and

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(3) The failure of a state institution to meet its financial obligations adversely affects the health, safety, and welfare of students and other people of the state.

Permits the Chancellor to make recommendations, and the Controlling Board to grant money from the catastrophic expenditures account to any state institution that suffers an unforeseen catastrophic event that severely depletes the institution's financial resources.

Fiscal effect: Expenditures made from the Controlling Board's Fund 5KM0 ALI 911614, Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, may increase depending on the number of state institutions receiving moneys under this condition. The bill appropriates \$25 million in each fiscal year from ALI 911614.

BORCD87 Co-op internship programs at state institutions**R.C. 3345.83**

Requires, no later than the 2027-2028 academic year, each state institution of higher education to develop and implement a co-op internship program that aligns with JobsOhio's target economic sectors and connects students with Ohio-based employers to facilitate work-based learning opportunities related to the student's course of study.

Requires the Chancellor to consult with JobsOhio to develop the goals, structure, and parameters of the program.

Requires, beginning June 30th of the year following the program's implementation, and each year thereafter, each institution to report to the Chancellor the number of participating students, which employers are partnering with the institution, and how many participating students have received or accepted offers of employment after graduation as a direct result of the program.

Fiscal effect: State institutions will incur administrative costs to develop and implement these programs. ODHE's administrative workload will increase to develop rules and create the goals, structure, and parameters of the program.

BORCD77 Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) repeal**R.C. 3354.24, (Repealed), Sections 381.730, 733.40**

Repeals the Eastern Gateway Community College district, effective June 30, 2027.

Requires the Chancellor, postsecondary educational institutions, and other appropriate stakeholders to monitor and evaluate the ongoing availability of postsecondary educational offerings within the four-county service district (Columbiana, Jefferson, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties) formerly served by EGCC.

Authorizes the Chancellor, if necessary, to seek to achieve favorable outcomes by engaging with other postsecondary institutions to encourage uninterrupted access to educational opportunities, including outcomes associated with program offerings, program-related equipment, or physical facilities.

Permits other community colleges to serve the counties previously served by EGCC, as long as an academic program is approved and the college seeks approval under rules adopted by the Chancellor.

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Fiscal effect: EGCC's last day of instruction was July 28, 2024, and it officially dissolved in October of that same year. ODHE and higher education institutions may incur some administrative costs. Community colleges that opt to serve students in the counties in the former EGCC district may incur costs in doing so, at least some of which will be offset by additional revenues received from tuition and fees and subsidy received under the State Share of Instruction (SSI) formula.

BORCD1 Operating Expenses**Section: 381.20**

Earmarks up to \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235321, Operating Expenses, to be used by the Chancellor, in consultation with OH-TECH, to enhance security operations and services.

Requires that enhanced security operations and services benefit all members of OH-TECH and may include but not be limited to (1) establishing an enterprise security operations center; (2) configuration management in the area of data loss prevention; (3) endpoint patch and compliance; (4) log aggregation; (5) web application firewall; (6) vulnerability management across the consortium; and (7) other critical security enhancement services as determined appropriate by the Chancellor.

Permits the Ohio Academic Resource Network (OARnet) and the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) to use a portion of these funds to enhance their respective network security operations to better serve clients who store sensitive data that is subject to the highest data privacy standards imposed by federal regulations and national research organizations, including, but not limited to, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense.

BORCD2 Sea Grants**Section: 381.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 235402, Sea Grants, be used by the Ohio State University's (OSU) Sea Grant program, including Stone Laboratory, to match federal dollars and to enhance Lake Erie and Ohio's coastal resources.

BORCD3 Articulation and Transfer**Section: 381.30**

Requires that GRF ALI 235406, Articulation and Transfer, be used to maintain and expand the work of the Articulation and Transfer Network Advisory Council to develop a system of transfer policies that ensure that course work will apply to majors and degrees at any state institution.

BORCD4 Midwest Higher Education Compact**Section: 381.40**

Requires that GRF ALI 235408, Midwest Higher Education Compact, be used to pay membership fees to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

Executive**BORCD5 Computer Science****Section: 381.80**

Requires that GRF ALI 235413, Computer Science, be used to administer and award grants under the Teach CS Grant Program (see BORCD84).

BORCD6 Grants and Scholarship Administration**Section: 381.90**

Requires that GRF ALI 235414, Grants and Scholarship Administration, be used to administer various state and federal student financial aid and scholarship programs, support all financial aid audits, and provide fiscal services for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program.

BORCD7 Technology Maintenance and Operations**Section: 381.110**

Requires that GRF ALI 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, be used to support the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve ODHE's performance and capacity. Authorizes the Ohio Technology Consortium (OH-TECH) to provide information technology solutions.

Makes the following earmarks from ALI 235417:

- (1) A portion in each fiscal year to support the eStudent Services consortium. Requires eStudent Services to use these funds to expand access to dual enrollment opportunities for high school students, continue the support of the statewide eTutoring program, and for any other ODHE strategic priorities.
 - (2) A portion in each fiscal year to implement a high priority data warehouse, advanced analytics, and visualization integration services associated with the Higher Education Information (HEI) system. Authorizes OH-TECH to facilitate services.
 - (3) \$150,000 in each fiscal year to support Ohio Reach to provide mentoring and support services to former foster youth attending college.
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BORCD8 Mental Health Support**Section: 381.130**

Requires that GRF ALI 235419, Mental Health Support, be used to provide resources and support to address behavioral health needs at public and private, nonprofit universities and colleges.

Requires the Chancellor to use the funds to prioritize behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, expansion of telehealth options, increased awareness of telephone and text message care line services, expansion of certified peer educator programs, and direct aid to students who are unable to afford care.

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Requires the Chancellor, in allocating funds under this ALI, to consider at least the following factors: (1) the relative severity of needs expressed and associated risks involved; (2) the extent to which funds awarded will increase campus-wide knowledge and awareness of available care options; (3) the extent to which funds awarded will increase access to, and availability of, care options; (4) the extent to which funds awarded will remove barriers to care options; and (5) the extent to which funds awarded will be leveraged to create long-term sustainability on campus and support collaborative, community-based programs and initiatives that can be sustained with community resources.

Permits the Chancellor to consult with the Department of Behavioral Health, RecoveryOhio, local and regional behavioral health providers, and other stakeholders as determined by the Chancellor to be appropriate when allocating funds under this ALI.

Prohibits an institution receiving funds under this ALI from (1) changing their mental health support services to shift the cost of those programs onto this one and (2) reducing their mental health support services below what they provided in the most recent academic year.

BORCD9 Ohio Work Ready Grant**Section: 381.160**

Requires that GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant, be used to establish and operate the Ohio Work Ready Grant Program (see BORCD83).

BORCD10 Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership**Section: 381.180**

Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235428, Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership, to be allocated to the Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center.

Requires the remainder of the ALI be distributed to Ohio University's Voinovich School to continue an effort to link Appalachia to the new economy. Requires Ohio University to use the funds to lead in the development and implementation of initiatives in the areas of entrepreneurship, management, education, and technology.

BORCD11 Choose Ohio First Scholarship**Section: 381.190**

Requires that GRF ALI 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship, be used to operate the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235438, from the GRF to the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PV0).

BORCD12 Aspire**Section: 381.200**

Requires that GRF ALI 235443, Aspire, be used to support the Aspire program, which supports adult basic and literacy education instructional programs. Requires that supported programs satisfy the state match and maintenance of effort requirements for the state-administered grant program. Authorizes funds to be used to support students that speak English as their second language.

Executive**BORCD13 Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs)****Section: 381.210**

Requires that GRF ALI 235444, Ohio Technical Centers, be used to support post-secondary adult career-technical education and makes the following earmarks:

- (1) up to 2.38% in each fiscal year for the Ohio Central School System.
- (2) up to \$48,000 in each fiscal year for assistance for OTCs.
- (3) up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year for OTCs that provide customized training and business consultation with matching local dollars, with preference to industries on the existing in-demand jobs list or in regionally emerging fields or local business and industries. Sets \$25,000 as the minimum for each OTC and requires a maximum amount to be determined by the Chancellor.

Requires the remainder be distributed according to the OTC funding formula (see BORCD14).

BORCD14 Ohio Technical Centers funding formula**Section: 381.210**

Requires each OTC to report data to the Chancellor. Requires the Chancellor to provide coordination for OTCs through approval processes, data collection of program and student outcomes, and subsidy disbursements. Requires the Chancellor to exclude non-residents in the number of students eligible for state subsidy. Defines full-time equivalent (FTE) as completion of 450 hours. Requires the use of a three-year average in calculating the number of FTE students. Requires OTCs to operate with, or be an active candidate for, accreditation by an accreditor authorized by the U.S. Department of Education in order to continue to receive state subsidy.

Distributes the OTC formula allocation as follows:

- (1) 25% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who complete a post-secondary technical workforce training program with a grade of C or better or pass if graded as pass/fail.
 - (2) 20% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who complete 50% of a program of study.
 - (3) 50% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who find employment, enter military service, or enroll in additional post-secondary education and training.
 - (4) 5% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who earn a credential from an industry recognized third party.
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BORCD15 Area Health Education Centers**Section: 381.220**

Requires that GRF ALI 235474, Area Health Education Centers, be used by the Chancellor to support the medical school regional area health education centers' educational programs and the Area Health Education Center Program.

Executive**BORCD16 Campus Security Support Program****Section: 381.220**

Requires that GRF ALI 235475, Campus Security Support Program, be distributed by the Chancellor to institutionally sanctioned student organizations affiliated with communities that are at risk for increased threats of violent crime, terror attacks, hate crimes, or harassment to enhance security measures and increase student safety at institutions of higher education throughout the state.

Authorizes ODHE to use a portion of ALI 235475 to administer the program.

BORCD17 Campus Student Safety Grant Program**Section: 381.220**

Requires that GRF ALI 235476, Campus Student Safety Grant Program, be used by the Chancellor to support the Campus Student Safety Grant Program.

BORCD18 Campus Safety and Training**Section: 381.230**

Requires that GRF ALI 235492, Campus Safety and Training, be used by the Chancellor, in consultation with state and private nonprofit institutions of higher education, to continue to develop model best practices in line with emerging trends, research, and evidence-based training for preventing and responding to sexual violence on campus. Requires the Chancellor to convene higher education institutions in the training and implementation of best practices regarding campus sexual violence.

BORCD19 State Share of Instruction (SSI) traditional formulas**Section: 381.240**

Requires the Chancellor to establish procedures to allocate GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction, based on the SSI formulas that use the enrollment, course completion, degree attainment, and student achievement factors reported annually by each state institution participating in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system.

Prohibits a state institution from receiving its traditional SSI formula allocation for a fiscal year if that state institution fails to report data for a full academic year for any of the years included in the three-year reporting period for a fiscal year's SSI allocation, unless the Chancellor determines that exceptional circumstances warrant the institution receiving full or partial allocation.

BORCD20 SSI-FTE enrollment and course completions**Section: 381.240**

Requires state institutions to report their actual data to the Chancellor. Requires the Chancellor to exclude all undergraduate students who are not Ohio residents or who do not meet the definition of residency for state subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes (except those under reciprocity agreements or employer contracts) in defining the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the formula.

Executive**BORCD21 SSI-Total costs per FTE****Section: 381.240**

Provides, for purposes of calculating SSI allocations, a table of total costs per FTE for the 24 non-medical curriculum models for each fiscal year, ranging from \$12,218 to \$46,846 for arts and humanities curriculum models; from \$12,297 to \$35,812 for business, education, and social science curriculum models; from \$52,586 to \$59,960 for doctoral curriculum models; and from \$12,059 to \$62,982 for science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) curriculum models.

BORCD22 SSI-STEMM and graduate weights**Section: 381.240**

Requires that priority be given to maintaining state support for STEMM programs and lists curriculum model weights for each fiscal year, including a uniform weight of 1.0000 for all undergraduate-level models in arts, humanities, business, education, and social sciences, 1.0000 for doctoral models, and various weights ranging from 1.0000 to 1.8798 for graduate-level and STEMM models.

BORCD23 SSI-Degree attainment calculation for universities**Section: 381.240**

Reserves 50% of the amount earmarked for traditional SSI for universities in each fiscal year from ALI 235501 to support associate, baccalaureate, masters, and professional level degree attainment. Requires that degree attainment funding be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the total statewide degrees granted, weighted by the cost of the degree programs.

Requires, for degrees including credits earned at multiple institutions, that degree attainment funding be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the student-specific cost of earned credits for the degree. Requires that each institution receive its prorated share of degree funding for credits earned at that institution and that the cost of credits not earned at a university main or regional campus be credited to the degree-granting institution for the first degree earned by a student at each degree level. Requires that the cost credited to the degree-granting institution not be eligible for at-risk weights and limits the cost credited to 12.5% of the student-specific degree costs, unless the student transferred 12 or fewer credits into the degree granting institution.

Requires that the count for degree attainment include degrees earned by students identified as Ohio residents in any term, weighted by a factor of 1, and degrees earned by students identified as out-of-state students during all terms that remain in Ohio at least one year after graduation, weighted by a factor of 50%. Defines subsidy eligible associate degrees as those earned by students attending any state supported university main or regional campus.

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Requires, in calculating campus' degree counts, the Chancellor to use the three-year average associate, baccalaureate, master's, and professional degrees awarded for the most recent three-year period agreed to by the Inter-University Council (IUC) and the Chancellor. Limits, if a student is awarded an associate degree and later is awarded a baccalaureate degree, the amount funded for the baccalaureate degree to either (1) the difference in cost between the cost of the baccalaureate degree and the cost of the previous associate degree, or, (2) if the associate degree has a higher cost than the baccalaureate degree, the cost of the credits earned by the student after the associate degree was awarded. Specifies that in these instances the associate degree granting institution receive only the prorated share of the baccalaureate degree funding for the credits earned at that institution after the associate degree is awarded. Requires, if a student earns more than one degree at the same institution at the same degree level in the same fiscal year, that funding for the highest cost degree be prorated among institutions based on where the credits were earned and additional degrees be funded at 25% of the degree cost.

Requires that eligible associate and baccalaureate degrees counted in degree attainment be weighted by a statewide "at-risk" degree completion weight, calculated based on the at-risk factors of the individual student, determined by calculating the difference between the percentage of students with each risk factor who earned a degree and the percentage of non-at-risk students who earned a degree. Defines "at-risk" for a student based on academic under preparation, age, minority status, financial status, or first generation post-secondary status based on neither parent completing any education beyond high school.

BORCD24 SSI-Doctoral set-aside calculation for universities**Section: 381.240**

Reserves up to 11.78% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support doctoral programs (referred to as the "doctoral set-aside").

Requires the doctoral set-aside be allocated to universities as follows:

- (1) 25% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of doctoral program course completions. Requires that course completion earnings be determined by multiplying the total curricular model amounts and graduate weights by the subsidy-eligible doctoral FTEs who successfully complete courses in graduate-level models for the most recent completed three-year period agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.
 - (2) 50% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of statewide doctoral degrees, weighted by the cost of the discipline. Requires, in counting campus' doctoral degrees, the Chancellor to use the three-year average doctoral degrees for the most recent completed three-year period that is agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.
 - (3) 25% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of research grant activity. Requires that grant awards from the Department of Health and Human Services be weighted at 50%.
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Executive**BORCD25 SSI-Medical set-asides calculations for universities****Section: 381.240**

Reserves 6.41% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support Medical II FTEs (referred to as the "medical II set-aside"). Requires that these funds be allocated in proportion to each campus' share of the statewide total of three-year average Medical II FTEs. Specifies that, in calculating the core subsidy enrollments for Medical II models only, students repeating terms may be no more than 5% of current year enrollment.

Reserves 1.69% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support Medical I FTEs (referred to as the "medical I set-aside"). Requires that these funds be allocated in proportion to each campus' share of the statewide total of three-year average Medical I FTEs.

Makes the following earmarks from the medical I set-aside:

- (1) 12.34% in each fiscal year for public universities that have a college of podiatric medicine (Kent State University).
- (2) 87.66% in each fiscal year for public universities that have colleges of dentistry and veterinary medicine (Ohio State University).

BORCD26 SSI-Course completions calculation for universities**Section: 381.240**

Requires that, in calculating course completion funding for universities, the Chancellor only use FTEs who successfully complete a course.

Requires that successful course completion FTE students defined as "at-risk" based on academic under-preparation or financial status are to be weighted by (1) institution-specific course completion indexes calculated based on the number of at-risk students enrolled during the prior three calendar years, and (2) statewide at-risk course completion weights determined by the difference between the percentage of traditional students completing the course and the percentage of at-risk students completing the course.

Requires that, except for Medical I and Medical II models, all models have their course completion earnings determined by multiplying per FTE curriculum model costs by model weights and by the average number of subsidy-eligible FTEs for the most recent three-year period as agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.

Requires that the course completion earnings be calculated by dividing the amount earmarked for traditional SSI for universities in each fiscal year from ALI 235501, less the degree attainment funding, the doctoral set-aside, and the medical set-asides, by the sum of all universities' instructional costs.

BORCD27 SSI-Calculation for community colleges**Section: 381.240**

Reserves 50% of the amount earmarked for traditional SSI for community colleges in each fiscal year from ALI 235501 for course completion FTEs as aggregated by the subsidy models. Specifies that the course completion funding be allocated to campuses in proportion to each campus's share of the total sector's course completions, weighted by the instructional cost of the subsidy models.

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Requires that calculations of course completions for these colleges use the average course completions for the previous three years for students identified as Ohio residents and that the subsidy eligible enrollments by model be equal to only those FTEs who successfully complete the course.

Requires that students with successful course completions, that are defined as "access students" based on financial status, minority status, age, or academic under-preparation, have their eligible course completions weighted by a statewide access weight. Specifies the weight given to any student eligible as an "access student" be 15% for all course completions. Specifies that the model costs are to be weighted by the cost of the degree programs.

Reserves 25% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for community colleges from ALI 235501 for allocation in proportion to each campus's share of college student success factors. Requires that student success factors be awarded at the institutional level for each subsidy-eligible student that successfully completes: (1) a college-level math course within the first 30 hours of completed coursework; (2) a college-level English course within the first 30 hours of completed coursework; (3) 12 semester credit hours of college-level coursework; (4) 24 semester credit hours of college-level coursework; (5) 36 semester credit hours of college-level coursework.

Reserves 25% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for community and technical colleges from ALI 235501 for completion milestones. Specifies that completion milestones include (1) baccalaureate degrees, (2) associate degrees, (3) technical certificates over 30 credit hours as designated by ODHE, and (4) students transferring to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college level coursework earned at that college. Requires that completion milestone funding be allocated in proportion to each campus's share of the sector's total completion milestones, weighted by the instructional costs of the degree, certificate, or transfer models. Specifies that costs for technical certificates over 30 hours be weighted at one-half of the associate degree model costs and transfers with at least 12 credit hours of college level coursework be weighted at one-fourth of the average cost for all associate degree model costs.

Requires that calculations of subsidy entitlements for completions at these colleges use a three-year average for completion milestones awarded to identified subsidy-eligible students in any term of their studies. Specifies that eligible model completions equal only those students who successfully complete a baccalaureate or associate degree, or technical certificate over 30 credit hours, or transfer to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework.

Requires that students who are also defined as "access students" based on financial status, minority status, age, or academic under-preparation, have their eligible completion milestones weighted by a statewide access weight. Specifies the following statewide access weights: (1) 25% for students with one access factor; (2) 66% for two access factors; (3) 150% for three access factors; and, (4) 200% for four access factors.

Requires, for those students who complete more than one completion milestone, that funding for each additional degree or technical certificate over 30 credit hours as designated by ODHE be funded at 50% of model costs.

Requires the Chancellor to only include students who are subsidy-eligible and residents of Ohio in any term of their studies in the SSI calculation for community colleges. Also, prohibits the Chancellor from including nonresident students as subsidy-eligible, except for those students under reciprocity agreements or employer contracts.

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BORCD28 SSI-Capital component deduction**Section: 381.240**

Requires that, after all other adjustments have been made, a campus's SSI earnings be reduced by the amount, if any, by which debt service charged for that campus for capital budgets from the 126th G.A. and the 127th G.A. exceeds that campus's capital component earnings.

Requires that half of the sum of the total amounts of those deductions for the remainder of the program be transferred to GRF ALI 235552, Capital Component, in each fiscal year, except that the deduction and transfer may be reduced to the extent that ALI 235552 is sufficient to cover payments.

Requires, if the Chancellor determines that the transfer and deduction from ALI 235501 can be reduced, that the adjustments be completed proportionately to each institution's share of the total.

BORCD29 SSI-Exceptional circumstances and appropriation reductions**Section: 381.240**

Authorizes adjustments be made to the SSI payments and other subsidies distributed by the Chancellor for exceptional circumstances. Requires the recommendation of the Chancellor and approval of the Controlling Board for these adjustments.

Requires that the standard SSI formula provisions apply to any reductions made to ALI 235501 occurring prior to the Chancellor's formal approval of the SSI allocation. Requires that reductions made after the Chancellor's formal approval be applied uniformly to each campus in proportion to its share of the final traditional SSI allocation.

BORCD30 SSI-Distribution**Section: 381.240**

Requires that the SSI allocation be distributed in equal monthly payments. Authorizes payments for the first six months of the fiscal year be made based on the SSI appropriation estimates made for the various institutions and that payments for the last six months of the fiscal year be based on the final data from the Chancellor. Requires, if agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor, monthly payments to universities be based on final data in the HEI system for an agreed upon three-year period.

BORCD31 SSI for fiscal years 2026 and 2027**Section: 381.250**

Makes the following earmarks to GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction:

(1) Up to \$100,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to state institutions of higher education according to a formula devised by the Chancellor based on employment and wage outcomes of the graduates of each institution, using data from the U.S. Census Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) project. Requires the formula to use as factors the employment and earnings by the graduates of each institution, measured at the two-digit level of the Classification of Instructional Programs codes by the National Center for Education Statistics.

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(2) Up to \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year be distributed to state institutions of higher education according to a formula devised by the Chancellor that provides funding bonuses of \$10,000 per graduate for technician-aligned associate degrees, as determined by OWT, that are produced above a historical baseline of institutional production, as calculated by the Chancellor.

Requires that for each of the earmarks in (1) and (2) that 76.8% of the set-aside be distributed to public universities and regional campuses and 23.2% be distributed to community colleges.

(3) The remainder to be distributed through the traditional SSI formula, with 76.8% of the total remaining allocation under ALI 235501 distributed to public universities and regional campuses and 23.2% distributed to community colleges. Permits any institution that receives additional SSI subsidy from this set-aside compared to the prior year to use the additional distribution to provide need-based aid and counseling, support services, and workforce preparation services to its students.

BORCD32 Restriction on fee increases**Section: 381.260**

Requires, in FY 2026 and FY 2027, the boards of trustees of state institutions of higher education to restrain increases in in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees.

Authorizes, for academic years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, each community college to increase its in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees by no more than \$5 per credit hour over what the college charged for the previous academic year.

Exempts the following fees from the above limits: (1) student health insurance, (2) fees for auxiliary goods or services provided to students at the cost incurred to the institution, (3) fees assessed to students as a pass-through for licensure and certification examinations, (4) fees in elective courses associated with travel experiences, (5) elective service charges, (6) fines, and (7) voluntary sales transactions.

Specifies that limitations do not apply to increases required to comply with institutional covenants related to obligations or to meet unfunded legal mandates or commitments made prior to the effective date of the section. Requires that any increases necessary to cover these covenants or other requirements be reported to the Controlling Board by the Chancellor. Authorizes the Chancellor, with Controlling Board approval, to modify any limitations to respond to exceptional circumstances.

Authorizes state universities offering undergraduate tuition guarantees to increase instructional and general fees under certain circumstances permitted under those programs.

BORCD33 Higher Education-Board of Trustees**Section: 381.270**

Authorizes colleges and universities, with the Chancellor's approval, to use instructional subsidies for off-campus undergraduate and master's degree courses of study.

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Requires each board to supplement state subsidies by establishing uniform instructional and general fees to be charged to all students for universal services. Allows each board to establish special purpose fees and service charges for individual or specific categories of students that are not applied uniformly. Requires each board to establish a tuition surcharge to out-of-state students.

Prohibits each board from authorizing a waiver or nonpayment of instructional or general fees that is not authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor.

Authorizes each board to charge a lower differential tuition rate of instructional or general fees equal to the default rate options specified under the College Credit Plus Program (CCP) or equal to rates established under an agreed to alternative payment structure to nonpublic and home schooled students in CCP.

Authorizes each board to establish a lower differential tuition rate for in-state undergraduate instructional or general fees for students enrolled exclusively in online courses as long as a surcharge is still assessed. Authorizes the same for the surcharge charged to nonresidents enrolled exclusively in online courses.

Authorizes a board to lower a tuition rate for courses taken by high school students that do not qualify for CCP funding. Requires tuition rates to align with institution's rates charged for courses eligible for CCP funding.

Requires each institution of higher education, in its statement of charges, to separately identify the instructional fee, general fee, tuition charge, and tuition surcharge.

Requires each board ensure that faculty members devote a proper and judicious part of their work week to actual instruction of students.

Requires each board to exercise the authority of government vested by law in them. Specifies that administrative decisions are the exclusive prerogative of the boards and that any delegation of authority by the boards must be accompanied by appropriate standards of guidance and periodic review of the exercise of the delegated authority.

BORCD34 War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships**Section: 381.280**

Requires that GRF ALI 235504, War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships, be used to reimburse state institutions for waivers of instructional fees and general fees provided to eligible students, provide grants to private nonprofit institutions, and fund additional scholarships for children of persons declared prisoners of war or missing in action.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235504, from the GRF to the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PW0).

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BORCD35 State Share of Instruction Reconciliation**Section: 381.290**

Requires the Chancellor, by September 1 in each fiscal year, to certify to the OBM Director the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior-year obligations to higher education institutions under the SSI formulas. Appropriates, up to the certified amounts transferred from the State Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50) to the GRF, to GRF ALI 235505, State Share of Instruction Reconciliation.

BORCD36 OhioLINK**Section: 381.300**

Requires that GRF ALI 235507, OhioLINK, be used to support OhioLINK, the state's electronic library information and retrieval system.

BORCD37 Air Force Institute of Technology**Section: 381.310**

Earmarks \$75,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235508, Air Force Institute of Technology, for the Aerospace Professional Development Center in Dayton for statewide workforce development services in the aerospace industry.

Requires that the remainder be used to strengthen educational linkages between Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Ohio institutions of higher education and to support the Defense Associated Graduate Student Innovators consortium.

BORCD38 Ohio Supercomputer Center**Section: 381.320**

Requires that GRF ALI 235510, Ohio Supercomputer Center, be used to support the Ohio Supercomputer Center, located at OSU.

BORCD39 The Ohio State University Extension Service**Section: 381.330**

Requires that GRF ALI 235511, The Ohio State University Extension Service, be disbursed to OSU in monthly payments.

BORCD40 Central State Supplement**Section: 381.340**

Requires that GRF ALI 235514, Central State Supplement, be disbursed to CSU to increase enrollment, improve course completion, and increase the number of degrees conferred.

BORCD41 Clinical teaching and other-medical related appropriations**Section: 381.350, 381.360, 381.380, 381.390, 381.430, 381.480, 381.510, 381.700**

Requires the following for the GRF clinical teaching and medical related ALIs:

(1) 235515, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, be disbursed to Case Western in accordance with state agreements.

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(2) 235519, Family Practice, be distributed in each fiscal year, based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a family practice and graduates practicing in a family practice.

(3) 235525, Geriatric Medicine, be distributed consistent with existing criteria and guidelines.

(4) 235526, Primary Care Residencies, be distributed, in each fiscal year, based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a primary care field and graduates practicing in a primary care field.

(5) 235536, The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching, 235537, University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching, 235538, University of Toledo Clinical Teaching, 235539, Wright State University Clinical Teaching, 235540, Ohio University Clinical Teaching, and 235541, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching, be distributed by the Chancellor.

Earmarks \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year from ALI 235539 to support the Aerospace Medicine program at Wright State University.

(6) 235558, Long-term Care Research, be disbursed to Miami University for long-term care research.

(7) 235572, The Ohio State University Clinic Support, be distributed to OSU for support of dental and veterinary medicine clinics.

Requires, for each fiscal year, each institution of higher education that receives funds from any one of the above-mentioned 12 specific clinical teaching or other-medical related ALIs, plus GRF ALI 235543, Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Clinic Subsidy, to report the residency status of students that have graduated from one of the applicable programs at one year and five years after graduating.

BORCD42 Shawnee State Supplement**Section: 381.370**

Requires that GRF ALI 235520, Shawnee State Supplement, be disbursed to SSU to improve course completion, increase the number of degrees conferred, and further the university's mission of service to the Appalachian region.

BORCD43 Governor's Merit Scholarship**Section: 381.400**

Requires that GRF ALI 235530, Governor's Merit Scholarship, be used to administer and award individual merit-based scholarships of \$5,000 per academic year to eligible students determined to be in the top 5% of their public or chartered nonpublic high school's graduating class at the end of their junior year, as determined by their high school using criteria established by the Chancellor in consultation with the DEW Director. Requires each high school to provide the information as requested by the Chancellor to determine scholarship eligibility.

Requires eligible students to receive an award for up to the equivalent of four academic years at a public or private, nonprofit institution of higher education, contingent on satisfactory academic progress.

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director to determine eligibility for home-schooled high school graduates to provide them with a similar level of access to the scholarship.

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Prohibits a qualifying higher education institution receiving funds under this program from either (1) changing their scholarship or financial aid programs to shift the cost of those programs onto this one or (2) reducing their level of merit-based financial aid below what they provided in the most recent academic year in the aggregate to all students or on a per-student basis.

Permits the Chancellor to establish guidelines to implement this program.

BORCD44 Program and Project Support**Section: 381.410**

Makes the following earmarks of GRF ALI 235533, Program and Project Support:

- (1) \$14,000,000 in FY 2026 to be distributed to Miami University to establish the Ohio Institute for Quantum Computing Research, Talent, and Commercialization and an urban bridge to Cleveland.
- (2) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to OSU to support the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society (see BORCD45).
- (3) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to the University of Toledo to support the Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership (see BORCD45).
- (4) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Miami University to support a center for civics, culture, and society (see BORCD45).
- (5) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Cleveland State University to support a center for civics, culture, and society (see BORCD45).
- (6) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Wright State University to support a center for civics, culture, and workforce development (see BORCD45).
- (7) \$500,000 in each fiscal year to support the Ohio Aerospace Institute's Space Grant Consortium.

BORCD45 Centers for Civics, Culture, and Society And Workforce Development Consultation**Section: 381.415**

Requires the Chancellor to consult with the directors, or the directors' designees, of the five centers (Cleveland State, Miami, Ohio State, Toledo, Wright State) for civics, culture, and society and workforce to evaluate the extent to which the centers may be leveraged for the benefit of the entire state.

Requires, by March 31, 2026, the directors to prepare and submit to the Chancellor a summary of recommendations and a plan to achieve maximum statewide benefit including options to establish programming at other state institutions through seminars, lectures, student courses and assisting faculty with curriculum development or sharing of curriculum developed by the centers. Requires, in developing the plan and curriculum, the centers to seek to achieve the broadest geographic coverage possible.

Authorizes, effective July 1, 2026, the Chancellor to require the centers to engage in activities included in their summary of recommendations that are intended to benefit the entire state.

Requires each center to use a portion of its funding in each fiscal year to benefit the entire state and to report in its required annual report the percentage of its funds the center used to assist other universities and a summary of the specific types of services and benefits provided.

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Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative workload for each of the five universities to consult with the Chancellor, prepare and submit plans, and use a portion of its funding in each fiscal year to benefit the entire state. Each center receives \$2.0 million in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235533, Program and Project Support (see BORCD44).

BORCD46 Ohio State Agricultural Research**Section: 381.420**

Requires that GRF ALI 235535, Ohio State Agricultural Research, be disbursed to OSU in monthly payments.

Requires the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, an entity of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences of OSU, to further its mission of enhancing Ohio's economic development and job creation by continuing to internally allocate on a competitive basis appropriated funding of programs based on demonstrated performance.

BORCD47 Central State Agricultural Research and Development**Section: 381.440**

Requires that GRF ALIs 235546, Central State Agricultural Research and Development, and 235548, Central State Cooperative Extension Services, be used by CSU for its state match requirement as an 1890 land grant university.

BORCD48 Capital Component**Section: 381.450**

Requires that GRF ALI 235552, Capital Component, be used by the Chancellor to provide funding for prior commitments made pursuant to the state's former capital funding policy for state community colleges and universities under H.B. 748 of the 121st G.A. Requires that the amounts provided from ALI 235552, including required transfers from GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction (see BORCD28), in FY 2026 and FY 2027 cover the remaining obligations of the program, which will cease to exist on June 30, 2027.

Requires that ALI 235552 consist of:

- (1) Distributions to each campus for which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects is less than the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation under the state's former capital funding policy. Requires that the amount of each campus's payment be determined by subtracting the former amount from the latter and that the campuses use these payments only for capital projects.
 - (2) Transfers from ALI 235501, if necessary and after any adjustments made by the Chancellor, consisting of half of the amounts subtracted from each campus's SSI allocation the amount by which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects for the remainder of the program exceeds the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation.
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Executive**BORCD49 Library Depositories****Section: 381.460**

Requires that GRF ALI 235555, Library Depositories, be used to support the state's five regional depository libraries for the cost-effective storage of and access to lesser used materials in university library collections. Requires the Chancellor or OhioLINK to administer the depositories.

BORCD50 Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet)**Section: 381.470**

Requires that GRF ALI 235556, Ohio Academic Resources Network, be used to support the operations of OARnet, including support for Ohio's colleges and universities in maintaining and enhancing network connections, using new network technologies to improve programs, and sharing information technology services. Requires, to the extent network capacity is available, that OARnet support allocating bandwidth to eligible programs directly supporting Ohio's economic development.

BORCD51 Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)**Section: 381.490**

Prescribes the three "sectors" of eligible institutions of higher education as follows: (1) state colleges and universities, community colleges, state community colleges, university branches, and technical colleges; (2) eligible private nonprofit institutions of higher education; and (3) eligible private for-profit career colleges and schools.

Requires OCOG awards for all eligible students with a student aid index (SAI) of 3750 or less be as follows: (1) \$4,000 in each fiscal year per student at a state institution of higher education; (2) \$5,000 in each fiscal year per student at an eligible private nonprofit institution; and (3) \$2,000 in each fiscal year per student at a private for-profit career college.

Authorizes the distribution of awards on an annual basis, once Pell grants have been exhausted, for students attending an eligible institution year-round.

Authorizes the Chancellor in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to do either of the following if the Chancellor determines that the amounts appropriated to support OCOG are inadequate to provide grants to all eligible students:

- (1) Give preference for awards based upon SAI beginning with the lowest SAI category and working upward by category to the highest SAI category.
- (2) Proportionally reduce each award for the academic year, if the amounts appropriated are inadequate to provide grants to all eligible students.

Requires the Chancellor to reduce OCOG awards proportionally among the sectors of institutions in a manner determined by the Chancellor if the Chancellor determines that reductions in award amounts are necessary. Requires the Chancellor to notify the Controlling Board of the distribution method. Requires that any formula be established to coincide with the start of each academic year.

Requires the Chancellor, prior to determining OCOG award amounts, to pay for tuition and fee waivers of students eligible for awards under the Ohio Safety Officer's College Memorial Fund Program, and grants on behalf of eligible students under a program for certain adopted Ohio residents.

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Prohibits the Chancellor from distributing or obligating more than the appropriation amount. Requires the Chancellor to post award tables on ODHE's website and notify students and institutions of any reductions in awards. Prohibits any student from receiving OCOG for more than the equivalent of five academic years, less the number of semesters or quarters in which the student received an Ohio Instructional Grant.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235563, from the GRF to the OCOG Reserve Fund (Fund 5PU0).

Prohibits an institution that enrolls students participating in OCOG from making changes to its scholarship or financial aid programs with the goal or net effect of shifting the cost burden of those programs to OCOG.

Requires each institution to provide at least the same level of needs-based financial aid to its students as in the immediately prior academic year in terms of either aggregate aid or on a per student basis. Permits the Chancellor to grant an institution a temporary waiver from this requirement if exceptional circumstances make it necessary.

BORCD52 The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement

Section: 381.500

Requires GRF ALI 235569, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement, to be distributed to the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine to provide supplemental support for education, research, and operations.

BORCD53 Federal Research Network

Section: 381.520

Requires that GRF ALI 235578, Federal Research Network, be distributed to OSU to collaborate with federal installations in Ohio, state and private, nonprofit institutions of higher education, and the private sector to align the state's research assets with emerging missions and job growth opportunities emanating from federal installations, strengthen related workforce development and technology commercialization programs, and better position the state's university system to directly impact new job creation in Ohio.

Requires a portion to be used to support the growth of small business federal contractors in the state and expand the participation of Ohio businesses in the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program and related federal programs.

BORCD54 Educator Preparation Programs

Section: 381.525

Requires that GRF ALI 235585, Educator Preparation Programs, be used by the Chancellor to implement and administer various reporting and surveying requirements of existing educator preparation programs or other educator preparation programs, such as the Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program, as determined by the Chancellor.

Requires, beginning with the first full academic year following the adoption of new standards, each educator preparation program to include in its curriculum standards for social studies that align with the standards adopted by DEW to ensure that educators and other school personnel are adequately prepared and trained in social studies.

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Requires, within six months of the beginning of the first full academic year in which the new standards are used, the Chancellor to complete a review and evaluation process to assess the degree to which every educator preparation program is teaching social studies in alignment with the standards.

BORCD55 Co-Op Internship Program**Section: 381.530**

Requires that GRF ALI 235591, Co-Op Internship Program, be used to support the operations of Ohio University's Voinovich School.

BORCD56 Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program**Section: 381.540**

Requires that GRF ALI 235595, Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program, be used to administer and provide grants and loans under the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program.

BORCD57 Rural University Program**Section: 381.550**

Requires that GRF ALI 235598, Rural University Program, be used for the Rural University Program, a collaboration of BGSU, KSU, MUN, and OHU, that provides rural communities with economic development, public administration, and public health services.

Requires that each of the four universities receive \$103,000 in each fiscal year to support their respective programs.

BORCD58 National Guard Scholarship Program**Section: 381.560**

Requires that GRF ALI 235599, National Guard Scholarship Program, be disbursed by the Chancellor.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235599, from the GRF to the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5BM0).

Authorizes a portion of ALI 235599 to be used to administer the program if both the Chancellor and the Adjutant General agree to it.

BORCD59 FAFSA Support Teams**Section: 381.565**

Requires that GRF ALI 2355A1, FAFSA Support Teams, be used to support the FAFSA support team statewide system.

BORCD60 Campus Community Grant Program**Section: 381.565**

Requires that GRF ALI 2355A3, Campus Community Grant Program, be used to support the Campus Community Grant Program.

Executive**BORCD61 Pledge of fees****Section: 381.570**

Provides that any new pledge or adjustment of fees made in the biennium is effective only after approval by the Chancellor, unless approved in a previous biennium, for any of the following:

- (1) To secure bonds or notes of a state institution of higher education for a project.
- (2) To secure a refund of prior debt that is anticipated to increase the total cost of retiring the original debt.
- (3) To extend the period in which that full debt is retired.

BORCD62 Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service**Section: 381.580**

Requires that GRF ALI 235909, Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service, be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs of higher education general obligation bonds during the biennium.

BORCD63 Sales and Services**Section: 381.590**

Authorizes the Chancellor to charge and accept payment for the provision of goods and services. Requires the charges to be related to the costs of producing goods and services. Prohibits charges for goods or services that are produced as part of the routine responsibilities or duties of the Chancellor. Requires that all revenues received be deposited into Fund 4560, Sales and Services. Allows the Chancellor to use these funds to pay for the costs of producing goods and services.

BORCD64 Higher Education Facility Commission Administration**Section: 381.600**

Requires that Fund 4E80 ALI 235602, Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration, be used for operating expenses related to ODHE's support of the activities of the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission (HEFC).

Authorizes the OBM Director, upon request of the Chancellor, to transfer cash in an amount up to the amount appropriated from ALI 235602 in each fiscal year from the HEFC Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 4610) to the HEFC Administration Fund (Fund 4E80).

BORCD65 Talent Ready Grant Program and GRF cash transfer to Fund 5NH0**Section: 381.630, 512.10**

Requires that Fund 5NH0 ALI 235517, Talent Ready Grant Program, be used by the Chancellor to administer the Talent Ready Grant program to support workforce credential and certificate programs under 30 credit hours at a community college or university regional campus or less than 900 clock hours at an OTC.

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Requires that ALI 235517 do both of the following:

(1) Establish and operate workforce credential and certificate programs under 30 credit hours or less than 900 clock hours, as identified by OWT and the Chancellor. Requires that the Chancellor and OWT, when identifying programs as eligible for funding, review the top jobs list and prioritize programs that are particularly well-aligned with occupations determined to be most in-demand to meet statewide or regional workforce goals. Authorizes an eligible entity to submit a request to the Chancellor to consider adding a program to the list identified as eligible for funding by providing information and justification.

(2) Provide additional support to short-term certificate programs determined to be eligible for funding, as identified by OWT and the Chancellor.

Requires the Chancellor to allocate funds among eligible institutions in approximate proportion to each entity's share of eligible short-term certificate programs, while considering student enrollments, completions, past utilization of short-term certificate funding, and other factors. Requires, for purposes of allocating funds between community colleges, the Chancellor to allocate funding to each campus in proportion to each campus's share of the total sector's course completions for the most recent available year, as reported through the Higher Education Information system (HEI) student enrollment file, weighted by the instructional cost of subsidy models.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$20,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the GRF to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0) to support the program.

BORCD66 Super RAPIDS

Section: 381.635

Reappropriates an amount requested by the Chancellor, up to the available balance of Fund 5AH1 ALI 235688, Super RAPIDS, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and 2027, respectively.

BORCD67 State Financial Aid Reconciliation

Section: 381.640

Requires the Chancellor, on September 1 of each fiscal year or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to the OBM Director the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior year obligations to institutions of higher education for the state's student financial aid programs. Appropriates the amounts certified to Fund 5Y50 ALI 235618, State Financial Aid Reconciliation, from revenues received in the State Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50).

BORCD68 Second Chance Grant Program and GRF cash transfer to Fund 5YD0

Section: 381.650, 512.10

Requires that Fund 5YD0 ALI 235494, Second Chance Grant Program, be distributed by the Chancellor to qualifying institutions of higher education and OTCs to provide grants to eligible students under the Second Chance Grant Program.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer up to \$4,000,000 cash in FY 2026 to the Second Chance Grant Program Fund (Fund 5YD0).

Executive

BORCD69 Grow Your Own Teacher Program**Section: 381.655**

Requires that Fund 5ZY0 ALI 235592, Grow Your Own Teacher Program, be used by the Chancellor to implement and administer the Grow Your Own Teacher Program and the Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program.

BORCD70 Nursing Loan Program**Section: 381.660**

Requires that Fund 6820 ALI 235606, Nursing Loan Program, be used to administer the nurse education assistance program.

BORCD71 Research Incentive Third Frontier-Tax**Section: 381.670**

Requires that Fund 7014 ALI 235639, Research Incentive Third Frontier-Tax, be used to advance collaborative research at institutions of higher education. Requires a portion of ALI 235639 in each fiscal year be used by the Chancellor to support and promote research that is intended to be commercialized. Requires that research include a condition that the discoveries, inventions, or patents developed are retained by the researcher, unless all or a portion of the interests are specifically granted to the state college or university by the researcher. Authorizes the Chancellor to seek assistance from the Ohio Technology Transfer Officer's Council when reviewing proposals and making awards.

Makes the following permissive earmarks of ALI 235639:

- (1) Up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding improvement of water quality;
- (2) Up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year for spinal cord research;
- (3) Up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding cyber security initiatives;
- (4) Up to \$300,000 in each fiscal year for the ICorps@Ohio program; and
- (5) Up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Innovation Exchange Program.

BORCD72 Veterans preferences**Section: 381.680**

Requires the Chancellor to collaborate with ODVS to develop veterans preference guidelines for institutions of higher education.

BORCD73 Higher education institution furloughs**Section: 381.690**

Authorizes the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education to adopt policies that require mandatory furloughs of employees, including faculty, to achieve spending reductions necessitated by institutional budget deficits.

Executive

BORCD74 Efficiency reports**Section: 381.700**

Requires that in each fiscal year the board of trustees of each public institution of higher education approve the institution's efficiency report submitted to the Chancellor.

BORCD75 Ohio Innovation Exchange**Section: 381.710**

Requires the Chancellor to support the continued development of the Ohio Innovation Exchange for the purpose of (1) showcasing the research expertise of Ohio's university and college faculty in engineering, biomedicine, and information technology, and other fields of study and (2) identifying institutional research equipment available in the state.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative responsibilities associated with the continued development and maintenance of this database. The "Ohio Innovation Exchange" is a current initiative developed jointly by Case Western Reserve University, University of Dayton, UAK, Cleveland State, KSU, NEOMED, OU, OSU, UC, and YSU in consultation with ODHE and the Ohio Manufacturing Institute that provides access to faculty profiles and resources.

BORCD76 College Credit Plus Program engagement and model pathways**Section: 381.720**

Permits the Chancellor and DEW Director to take action as necessary to ensure that public colleges and universities and school districts are fully engaging and participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program including publicly displaying program participation data by district and institution.

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director, to work with public secondary schools and partnering public colleges and universities, as necessary, to encourage the establishment of CCP model pathways that prepare participants to successfully enter the workforce in certain fields.

Requires students enrolled under a statewide innovative waiver pathway to follow a model pathway, with priority given to pathways aligned with engineering technology and other fields essential to the superconductor industry.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in administrative costs for ODHE and DEW.

BORCD78 Credential and Work Experience Consideration**Section: 381.740**

Requires, prior to admitting any students applying for enrollment after July 1, 2025, each state institution of higher education to consider an applicant's work experience and credentials earned as part of its admissions process, even if the experience or credentials do not align with the program or discipline the applicant is seeking to pursue.

Requires, at the time the student is accepted, an institution to either grant credit for prior learning or experience or detail the potential opportunities and necessary documentation to grant such credit based on review of the specific information in the student's application.

Executive

Fiscal effect: A state institution may forgo some revenue if it cannot charge tuition and fees to students that are granted credit for prior learning or work experience.

BORCD79 General Education Requirements**Section: 381.750**

Requires, no later than December 31, 2025, a board of trustees of a state institution of higher education to formally review and evaluate the components of its institution's general education curriculum and adopt a resolution acknowledging the board's completion of that review. Requires each board to submit a copy of its resolution to the Chancellor.

Requires, no later than March 31, 2026, each board to formally evaluate its institution's general education curriculum to enhance content that furthers the state's post-secondary education attainment and workforce goals. Requires each board to adjust the curriculum in the following areas: (1) civics, culture, and society; (2) artificial intelligence, STEM, and computational thinking; (3) entrepreneurship and the principles of innovation; and, (4) workforce readiness.

Requires, no later than June 30, 2026, each board to adopt a resolution summarizing changes to its institution's general education curriculum resulting from its evaluation process and to submit a copy of the resolution to the Chancellor.

Requires the Chancellor to provide a copy of each of the resolutions submitted by institutions to the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Fiscal effect: Increase in administrative workload for each state institution of higher education to evaluate its general education requirements.

BORCD80 Ohio Tech Talent Initiative**Section: 381.760**

Establishes the Ohio Tech Talent Initiative to promote, prioritize, and expand engineering technician education for engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries. Authorizes the Chancellor to determine the list of academic programs to be included, with OWT, based on the Classification of Instructional Program (CIP).

Requires, for certain model and statewide innovative waiver pathways, the Chancellor and DEW Director, in conjunction with OWT, to jointly collaborate with public secondary schools and partnering public colleges and universities to establish, promote, and prioritize pathways that prepare participants to successfully enter the workforce in engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor or advanced manufacturing industries.

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director to also leverage the one-year option credit articulation process for students enrolled in OTCs who complete a 900-hour program of study and obtain an industry-recognized credential.

Authorizes the Chancellor and DEW Director to use funds from the following operating and capital ALIs: (1) GRF ALI 235438, Choose Ohio First; (2) Fund 5NH0 ALI 235517, Ohio Work Ready Grant; (3) GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant; (4) Fund 5YD0 ALI 235494, Second Chance Grant Program; (5) Fund 7034 ALI C23528, Workforce Based Training and Equipment; (6) GRF ALI 195556, TechCred Program; and, (7) other appropriation items as determined by the Chancellor and OWT.

Executive

Authorizes the Chancellor to require state and private institutions of higher education to establish a workforce-education partnership, and to require that each partnership specifically focus on engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries.

Fiscal effect: ODHE may incur additional costs to administer the initiative. Any ALIs used to support the initiative will incur an increase in expenditures should the Chancellor and DEV Director choose to use them.

BORCD81 Direct admissions**Section: 381.770**

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director to establish a direct admissions pilot program to notify high school students if they meet the admissions requirements of participating postsecondary education institutions.

Requires the Chancellor to endeavor to implement the program so that students graduating in the 2026-2027 school year may participate.

Requires the Chancellor, as part of the program, to do all of the following:

- (1) Establish an automated process that uses a student's academic record in existing student information systems and information held by a student's high school to determine whether the student meets the admissions requirements; and
- (2) Issue a report, at least once each school year, about the pilot program, and submit it to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, DEW Director, OBM Director, OWT, and the Governor.

Authorizes the Chancellor to terminate the pilot program if its operation is determined impracticable.

Permits a participating school governing body to adopt a written policy authorizing its high schools to participate in the pilot program.

Requires a participating school governing body to develop a procedure to determine if students who wish to participate in the pilot program meet any eligibility requirements established by the Chancellor.

Prohibits requiring any student, school, or institution to participate in the pilot program.

Fiscal effect: The program is voluntary for secondary and postsecondary institutions. ODHE's administrative costs will increase to develop and implement the pilot program. However, ODHE may terminate it if its operation is determined impracticable.

Executive**Appropriation Language****MCD27 Home and community based services appropriations - state****Section: 333.180**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 5HC8 ALIs 651698, MCD Home and Community Based Services, 653698, DDD Home and Community Based Services, 652698, MHA Home and Community Based Services, 655698, JFS Home and Community Based Services, 659698, BOR Home and Community Based Services, and 656698, AGE Home and Community Based Services, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified ALIs.

Stipulates that any additional expenditures be used in accordance with federal rules and comply with ODM's Medicaid state plan approved by the federal government. Appropriates any additional expenditures.

MCD28 Home and community based services appropriations - federal**Section: 333.190**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 3HC8 ALIs 651699, MCD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 653699, DDD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 652699, MHA Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 655699, JFS Home and Community Based Services – Federal, and 659699, BOR Home and Community Based Services - Federal, and 656699, AGE Home and Community Based Services – Federal, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified line items.

Stipulates that any additional expenditures be used in accordance with federal rules and comply with ODM's Medicaid state plan approved by the federal government. Appropriates any additional expenditures.
