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**Representatives Ryan, Reineke**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Smith, R., Antonio, Green, Scherer**

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**A BILL**

To enact sections 3333.80, 3333.801, and 3333.802  
of the Revised Code to establish the OhioCorps  
Pilot Project and to make an appropriation.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3333.80, 3333.801, and 3333.802  
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

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**Sec. 3333.80.** (A) As used in this section and in section  
3333.801 of the Revised Code:

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(1) "At-risk student" means a primary or secondary school  
student living in the state who is at least thirteen years of  
age who meets one of the following conditions:

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(a) The student is eligible for a free or reduced price  
lunch;

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(b) The student would have an expected family contribution  
of zero dollars, as determined by the free application for  
federal student aid, in grade twelve;

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(c) The student has either:

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(i) Been impacted by family opioid addiction; or 17

(ii) Entered into recovery for opioid addiction. 18

The chancellor shall define terms in division (A) (1) (c) of 19  
this section as necessary to implement this section. 20

(2) "College credit plus program" means the college credit 21  
plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised 22  
Code. 23

(3) "Expected family contribution" has the same meaning as 24  
in the rules adopted by the chancellor under section 3333.122 of 25  
the Revised Code. 26

(4) "Eligible state institution of higher education" 27  
includes a community college established under Chapter 3354. of 28  
the Revised Code, a technical college established under Chapter 29  
3357. of the Revised Code, a state community college established 30  
under Chapter 3358. of the Revised Code, and a state university 31  
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 32

(5) "School year" has the same meaning as in section 33  
3313.62 of the Revised Code. 34

(6) "Eligible for a free or reduced price lunch" means the 35  
student is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the 36  
"National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 37  
1751, as amended, and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 38  
Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1771, as amended. 39

(B) The OhioCorps pilot program is hereby created to 40  
provide at-risk students with guidance to a pathway to higher 41  
education. The pilot program shall consist of mentorship 42  
programs established and administered by eligible state 43  
institutions of higher education pursuant to rules adopted under 44

division (C) of this section and scholarships under section 45  
3333.801 of the Revised Code. The mentorship programs shall 46  
operate in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. 47

Scholarships shall be available only for those students who 48  
participate in a mentorship program for both school years in 49  
which it is available. 50

(C) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of 51  
this section, the chancellor shall adopt rules to administer the 52  
OhioCorps mentorship program. The rules shall include all of the 53  
following: 54

(1) The requirements for an OhioCorps mentorship program 55  
proposed to be established by an eligible state institution of 56  
higher education, which shall include all of the following: 57

(a) A service-learning component for students enrolled in 58  
an eligible state institution of higher education that allows 59  
them to mentor at-risk middle and high school students, and to 60  
help the at-risk students' parents on any of the following 61  
topics: 62

(i) Preparing for college and career planning; 63

(ii) Tutoring in reading, writing, and mathematics; 64

(iii) Opioid and drug education programs. 65

The eligible state institution shall include a plan for 66  
training enrolled students to provide such mentoring, including 67  
seminars on financial literacy, opioid addiction education best 68  
practices, career guidance, and tutor skills. 69

An eligible state institution may include other elements 70  
of community service within service-learning beyond mentoring 71  
opportunities. 72

(b) A stipend to be paid to student mentors enrolled in an 73  
eligible state institution of higher education in an amount to 74  
be determined by each institution; 75

(c) A plan for how eligible state institutions will 76  
partner with local providers and existing programs, such as 77  
Americorps and the Ohio commission on service and volunteerism 78  
created in section 121.40 of the Revised Code, to create 79  
training, programs, and service-learning opportunities. Local 80  
partnerships under division (C)(1)(c) of this section also shall 81  
include a community service training program to be offered by 82  
local partners for at-risk students for purposes of scholarship 83  
eligibility under division (A)(6) of section 3333.801 of the 84  
Revised Code. 85

(d) Criminal records checks and adherence to the 86  
recommended best practices adopted by the Ohio commission on 87  
service and volunteerism regarding volunteers with unsupervised 88  
access to children under section 121.401 of the Revised Code. A 89  
program shall not require an individual to comply with a 90  
criminal records check or any screening procedures under 91  
division (C)(1)(d) of this section if the individual has already 92  
undergone a criminal records check as part of the individual's 93  
current participation in an Americorps program or an existing 94  
program connected to the Ohio commission on service and 95  
volunteerism. 96

An eligible state institution of higher education also may 97  
include in an OhioCorps mentorship program summer learning camps 98  
or programs at the eligible institutions that provide higher 99  
education experiences and college credit plus program 100  
opportunities offered in the summer specifically for at-risk 101  
students. These summer learning camps or programs may be offered 102

in any region of the state. 103

(2) An application process under which an eligible state 104  
institution of higher education may apply to establish an 105  
OhioCorps mentorship program under this section, including 106  
application deadlines; 107

(3) A method to determine the amount of funding the 108  
chancellor will award to each eligible state institution of 109  
higher education approved to establish an OhioCorps mentorship 110  
program. 111

(D) The chancellor shall submit a report to the general 112  
assembly, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, 113  
at the end of the 2020-2021 school year regarding the 114  
implementation and outcomes of the OhioCorps pilot program. 115

**Sec. 3333.801.** (A) The OhioCorps scholarship is hereby 116  
established for at-risk students who meet the requirements of 117  
this section. The chancellor of higher education shall award an 118  
OhioCorps scholarship to each at-risk student who does all of 119  
the following: 120

(1) Fully participates in the mentorship program 121  
administered by an eligible state institution of higher 122  
education under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code for as long 123  
as such program is in existence or until the student completes 124  
high school; 125

(2) Enrolls in an eligible state institution of higher 126  
education; 127

(3) Meets either of the following conditions: 128

(a) Demonstrates that the student's expected family 129  
contribution would equal zero dollars, as determined by the free 130

application for federal student aid, in grade twelve; 131

(b) Receives a letter which indicates that the student is 132  
in recovery for opioid addiction or impacted by family opioid 133  
addiction. The letter shall be written by a teacher, 134  
administrator, judge, case worker, police officer, healthcare 135  
professional, cleric, employee of a county department of job and 136  
family services who is a professional and who works with 137  
children and families, or another individual from a public 138  
entity approved by the chancellor. The at-risk student shall 139  
submit the letter to the student's school district or school. A 140  
school district or school in possession of the student's letter 141  
shall consider the letter to be subject to section 3319.321 of 142  
the Revised Code and shall make the letter available to the 143  
chancellor at the request of the chancellor in accordance with 144  
that section. 145

(4) Achieves either of the following: 146

(a) A score that meets remediation-free standards adopted 147  
under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code on a 148  
nationally standardized assessment that measures college and 149  
career readiness and is used for college admission; 150

(b) A high school cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or 151  
higher on a 4.0 scale. 152

(5) Completes a college preparatory curriculum in high 153  
school, as determined by the chancellor; 154

(6) Completes a community service training program offered 155  
by a local partner under division (C)(1)(c) of section 3333.80 156  
of the Revised Code, and completes at least forty hours of 157  
community service for each school year the student is enrolled 158  
in high school; 159

(7) Participates in the college credit plus program, and 160  
under that program completes and receives a passing grade in at 161  
least one course each of English language arts and mathematics. 162

(B) The OhioCorps scholarship shall be a one-time award of 163  
one thousand dollars. However, the chancellor may adjust the 164  
amount of each scholarship awarded under this section based on 165  
availability of funds appropriated by the general assembly and 166  
remaining in the OhioCorps fund created in section 3333.802 of 167  
the Revised Code. 168

(C) The scholarship shall be paid to the eligible state 169  
institution of higher education in which each recipient enrolls 170  
and shall be credited by the institution to the recipient's 171  
account. 172

**Sec. 3333.802.** The OhioCorps fund is hereby created in the 173  
state treasury, to consist of such amounts designated for the 174  
purposes of the fund by the general assembly, the federal 175  
government, or other sources. The fund shall be used for the 176  
following purposes: 177

(A) To assist eligible state institutions of higher 178  
education to establish and administer an OhioCorps mentorship 179  
program under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code, including 180  
providing stipends for participating student mentors; 181

(B) Funding scholarships awarded under section 3333.801 of 182  
the Revised Code. 183

The fund may also be used by the chancellor of higher 184  
education to implement and administer the OhioCorps pilot 185  
program. 186

**Section 2.** All items in this section are hereby 187  
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state 188

treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all 189  
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are 190  
for fiscal year 2018 and those in the second column are for 191  
fiscal year 2019. The appropriations made in this act are in 192  
addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2018-FY 193  
2019 biennium. 194

BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION 195

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group 196

5UK0	235594	OhioCorps Pilot	\$ 0	\$ 2,500,000	197
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Program 198

TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund	\$ 0	\$ 2,500,000	199
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TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$ 0	\$ 2,500,000	201
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OHIOCORPS PILOT PROGRAM 202

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235594, OhioCorps 203  
Pilot Program, up to \$50,000 shall be used by the Chancellor of 204  
Higher Education to implement and administer the OhioCorps Pilot 205  
Program pursuant to sections 3333.80 to 3333.802 of the Revised 206  
Code. 207

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 235594, 208  
OhioCorps Pilot Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of 209  
Higher Education to assist eligible state institutions of higher 210  
education, as defined in division (A)(4) of section 3333.80 of 211  
the Revised Code, in establishing and administering OhioCorps 212  
mentorship programs under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code. 213

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 214  
Chancellor of Higher Education may certify to the Director of 215



Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, 216  
unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item, 217  
235594, OhioCorps Pilot Program, at the end of fiscal year 2019 218  
to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified 219  
is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for 220  
fiscal year 2020 for purposes of providing funds to support 221  
mentorship programs under the OhioCorps Pilot Program. 222

**Section 3.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 223  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 224  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 225  
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 226  
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 227  
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for 228  
as though made in Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General 229  
Assembly. 230

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 231  
provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly 232  
that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 233

**Section 4.** On July 1, 2018, or as soon as possible 234  
thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer 235  
\$2,500,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the OhioCorps 236  
Fund (Fund 5UK0) created in section 3333.802 of the Revised 237  
Code. 238