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A BILL

To enact section 122.043 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Director of Development Services to 2
establish a youth summer jobs pledging 3
initiative to increase access to summer 4
employment opportunities for high school and 5
college youth. 6

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

Section 1. That section 122.043 of the Revised Code be 7
enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 122.043. (A) The director of development services 9
shall establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to 10
increase access to summer employment opportunities for high 11
school and college youth in this state. The director shall 12
adopt, and thereafter may amend or rescind, rules under Chapter 13
119. of the Revised Code to establish, and to operate, maintain, 14
and improve, the initiative. The rules shall provide for all of 15
the following: 16

(1) The development services agency to identify and 17
compile pledges, not later than the last day of February in each 18
year, of employment opportunities that will be available to high 19

school and college youth during the following summer; 20

(2) The establishment of a searchable summer employment 21
opportunity database on the agency's public internet web site in 22
which the agency shall post all of the summer employment 23
opportunity information that it compiles, including contact 24
information for the potential employers, and that high school 25
and college youth may access to identify summer employment 26
opportunities; 27

(3) The development services agency to publicize the 28
availability of the summer employment opportunity database in a 29
manner that targets high school and college youth in this state; 30
and 31

(4) An anonymous form to appear on the web site, when 32
youth access the summer employment opportunity database, 33
encouraging them to answer the question, "What do you dream 34
about doing with your first paycheck?" 35

(B) The development services agency shall compile the 36
answers submitted through its web site under division (A) (4) of 37
this section into an annual report. Not later than the thirty- 38
first day of December of each year, the agency shall submit a 39
copy of the compiled report to the president and minority leader 40
of the senate and the speaker and minority leader of the house 41
of representatives. 42

(C) The director of development services shall account for 43
the costs of operating the program established under division 44
(A) of this section separately from the other costs incurred by 45
the agency. Not later than the thirty-first day of December in 46
each year, the director of development services shall submit a 47
copy of the itemized accounting to the director of job and 48

family services and request reimbursement for those costs under 49
section 6301.03 of the Revised Code. The director of job and 50
family services shall reimburse the director of development 51
services for costs incurred under division (A) of this section 52
using funds made available through the "Workforce Investment Act 53
of 1998," 112 Stat. 936, 29 U.S.C. 2801, as amended, or through 54
the "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act," 128 Stat. 1428, 55
29 U.S.C. 3101, as applicable, that are reserved for youth for 56
statewide activities, to the extent that those funds are 57
available. 58