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A BILL

To support the Youth STEM Commercialization and 1
Entrepreneurship Program and to make an 2
appropriation. 3

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

Section 1. All items in this section are hereby 4
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state 5
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all 6
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are 7
for fiscal year 2016 and those in the second column are for 8
fiscal year 2017. The appropriations made in this act are in 9
addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2016-FY 10
2017 biennium. 11

BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION 12

General Revenue Fund 13

GRF	235523	Youth STEM	\$0	\$3,000,000	14
		Commercialization and			15
		Entrepreneurship Program			16

TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$3,000,000	17
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$0	\$3,000,000	18

YOUTH STEM COMMERCIALIZATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM 19

The foregoing appropriation item 235523, Youth STEM 20
Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program, shall be used by 21
the Chancellor of Higher Education to support the continuing 22
implementation and growth of the Believe in Ohio Youth STEM 23
Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program of the Ohio 24
Academy of Science. This program implements certain 25
recommendations of the Ohio Board of Regents Technology Transfer 26
and Commercialization Task Force made in June 2012 and the 27
Subcommittee on Inclusive Competitiveness made in October 2014. 28
The purpose of this program is to grow Ohio's next generation of 29
entrepreneurs, to create jobs in Ohio by focusing on the 30
practical application of science, technology, engineering, and 31
mathematics (STEM), including medicine and health fields, and to 32
innovate new products and services. The Believe in Ohio Youth 33
STEM Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program shall (1) 34
conduct regional STEM forums for students and educators; (2) 35
develop regional online high school, middle school, and 36
collegiate STEM commercialization and entrepreneurship content 37
and courses; (3) create STEM commercialization and 38
entrepreneurship mentoring networks available to high school and 39
middle school students throughout Ohio; and (4) conduct local 40
and statewide STEM Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Plan 41
competitions that include incentive awards and scholarships for 42
students and professional development and incentives for teacher 43
participation. The competitions and all aspects of the program 44
shall be open to all Ohio high school and middle school students 45
and shall include initiatives to engage minority, rural, urban, 46

and economically disadvantaged students throughout Ohio. The 47
Believe in Ohio Youth STEM Commercialization and 48
Entrepreneurship Program shall collaborate with Ohio's colleges 49
and universities, existing STEM and entrepreneurship programs, 50
and Ohio's STEM professional and trade associations to implement 51
these provisions and to create the new products or services of 52
the future, advance job creation in Ohio, encourage enrollment 53
at Ohio institutions of higher education, and encourage students 54
to join Ohio's workforce after graduation. 55

Section 2. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 56
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 57
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 58
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 59
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 60
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for 61
as though made in Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General 62
Assembly. 63

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 64
provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly 65
that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 66