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A BILL

To enact sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the 1  
Revised Code to establish the Grow Your Own 2  
Teacher Program and to make an appropriation. 3

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the 4  
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 3333.393.** (A) As used in this section and in section 6  
3333.394 of the Revised Code: 7

(1) "Academic year" shall be as defined by the chancellor 8  
of higher education. 9

(2) "Parent" means the parent, guardian, or custodian of a 10  
qualified student as described by this section. 11

(3) "Qualified service" means teaching at a qualifying 12  
school. 13

(4) "Qualifying school" means a school district building 14  
identified as "high need" by the chancellor and meets both of 15  
the following conditions: 16

(a) At least fifty per cent of students enrolled in the 17

school are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch, as 18  
defined in section 3333.80 of the Revised Code; 19

(b) The school is operated by the same school district 20  
from which the recipient of a scholarship graduated from high 21  
school or was employed. 22

(5) "Qualifying employee" means an individual employed at 23  
a school where at least fifty per cent of students enrolled in 24  
the school are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch, as 25  
defined in section 3333.80 of the Revised Code and who holds an 26  
educational aide permit or educational paraprofessional license 27  
issued under section 3319.088 or a substitute license under 28  
section 3319.226 of the Revised Code. A "qualifying employee" 29  
also includes an individual who taught at a school described in 30  
division (A) (5) of this section and who holds a nonrenewable 31  
temporary substitute license under Section 4 of S.B. 1 of the 32  
134th general assembly. 33

(B) The grow your own teacher college scholarship program 34  
is hereby established. Under the program, the chancellor of 35  
higher education, in conjunction with the department of 36  
education, shall award scholarships to the following: 37

(1) Low-income high school seniors who commit to teaching 38  
in a qualifying school for a minimum of four years upon 39  
graduation from a teacher training program at a state 40  
institution of higher education or an Ohio nonprofit institution 41  
of higher education that has a certificate of authorization 42  
under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code. 43

(2) Qualifying employees who commit to teaching in a 44  
qualifying school for a minimum of four years upon graduation 45  
from a teacher training program at a state institution of higher 46

education or an Ohio nonprofit institution of higher education 47  
that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of 48  
the Revised Code. 49

Each scholarship shall be awarded for up to four academic 50  
years and shall not exceed \$7,500 for each academic year. 51

(C) The department and the chancellor shall develop an 52  
application process for awarding scholarships under the program. 53  
The department and the chancellor also shall appoint a highly 54  
qualified and diverse application committee to assist in the 55  
selection of scholarship recipients. 56

(D) (1) Scholarships shall be awarded to students under 57  
division (B) (1) of this section who meet all of the following 58  
conditions: 59

(a) Received a high school diploma or honors diploma under 60  
section 3313.61 of the Revised Code; 61

(b) Were eligible for a free or reduced price lunch for 62  
all four years of high school; 63

(c) Commit to completing the four-year teaching obligation 64  
within not more than six years after graduating from the teacher 65  
training program. 66

(2) Scholarships shall be awarded to qualifying employees 67  
under division (B) (2) of this section who commit to completing 68  
the four-year teaching obligation within not more than six years 69  
after graduating from the teacher training program. 70

(E) The chancellor shall require that all applicants to 71  
the grow your own teacher program file a statement of service 72  
status in compliance with section 3345.32 of the Revised Code, 73  
if applicable, and that all applicants have not been convicted 74

of, plead guilty to, or adjudicated a delinquent child for any 75  
violation listed in section 3333.38 of the Revised Code. 76

(F) Recipients shall complete the four-year teaching 77  
commitment within not more than six years after graduating from 78  
the teacher training program. Failure to fulfill the commitment 79  
shall convert the scholarship into a loan to be repaid under 80  
section 3333.394 of the Revised Code. 81

**Sec. 3333.394.** (A) Each recipient who accepts a 82  
scholarship under the grow your own teacher program under 83  
section 3333.393 of the Revised Code, or the recipient's parent 84  
if the recipient is younger than eighteen years of age, shall 85  
sign a promissory note payable to the state in the event the 86  
recipient does not satisfy the service requirement under 87  
division (F) of section 3333.393 of the Revised Code or the 88  
scholarship is terminated. The amount payable under the note 89  
shall be the amount of total scholarships accepted by the 90  
recipient under the program plus ten per cent interest accrued 91  
annually beginning on the first day of September after 92  
graduating from the teacher training program or immediately 93  
after termination of the scholarship. The period of repayment 94  
under the note shall be determined by the chancellor of higher 95  
education. The note shall stipulate that the obligation to make 96  
payments under the note is canceled following completion of four 97  
years of qualified service by the recipient in accordance with 98  
division (F) of section 3333.393 of the Revised Code, or if the 99  
recipient dies, becomes totally and permanently disabled, or is 100  
unable to complete the required qualified service as a result of 101  
a reduction in force at the recipient's school of employment 102  
before the obligation under the note has been satisfied. 103

(B) Repayment of the principal amount of the scholarship 104

and interest accrued shall be deferred while the recipient is 105  
enrolled in an approved teaching program, while the recipient is 106  
seeking employment to fulfill the service obligation, for a 107  
period not to exceed six months, or while the recipient is 108  
engaged in qualified service. 109

(C) During the six-year period following the recipient's 110  
graduation from an approved teaching program, the chancellor 111  
shall deduct twenty-five per cent of the outstanding balance 112  
that may be converted to a loan for each year the recipient 113  
teaches at a qualifying school. 114

(D) The department and the chancellor may terminate the 115  
scholarship, in which case the scholarship shall be converted to 116  
a loan to be repaid under division (A) of this section. 117

(E) The scholarship shall be deemed terminated upon the 118  
recipient's withdrawal from school or the recipient's failure to 119  
meet the standards of the scholarship as determined by the 120  
department and the chancellor and shall be converted to a loan 121  
to be repaid under division (A) of this section. 122

(F) The chancellor and the attorney general shall collect 123  
payments on the converted loan in accordance with section 131.02 124  
of the Revised Code. 125

**Section 2.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 126  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 127  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 128  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 129  
2022 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2023. 130  
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 131  
any other operating appropriations made for the FY 2022-FY 2023 132  
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**Section 3.** 134

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A	BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION					
B	General Revenue Fund					
C	GRF	235592	Grow Your Own Teacher	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	
			Program			
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	
	GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER PROGRAM					136

The foregoing appropriation item 235592, Grow Your Own  
 Teacher Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher  
 Education to implement and administer the Grow Your Own Teacher  
 Program pursuant to sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the  
 Revised Code.

**Section 4.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the  
 Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts  
 indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation  
 made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in  
 which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures  
 from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be  
 accounted for as though made in the main operating  
 appropriations act of the 134th General Assembly. The operating  
 appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of

the main operating appropriations act of the 134th General	151
Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations.	152