

**As Introduced**

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**S. B. No. 80**

**Senator Brenner**

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**A BILL**

To solicit research on the relationship between 1  
COVID-19 and myocarditis and to make an 2  
appropriation. 3

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

**Section 1.** (A) Within thirty days after the effective date 4  
of this section, the Department of Health shall: 5

(1) Issue a request for proposals to conduct research on 6  
COVID-19 and myocarditis from state universities or research 7  
institutions located in the state of Ohio; 8

(2) Select a researcher to conduct a study on the 9  
relationship between: 10

(a) COVID-19 infection and myocarditis; 11

(b) COVID-19 vaccination and myocarditis. 12

(3) Publicly announce the researcher selected. After the 13  
researcher is announced, materials submitted to the Department 14  
in response to the request for proposals shall be considered 15  
public records pursuant to sections 9.28 and 149.43 of the 16  
Revised Code. 17

(B) Within six months after being selected by the Department, the selected researcher shall submit a report containing updates on the progress of the study to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

(C) Within twelve months after being selected by the Department, the selected researcher shall submit a report summarizing the results of the study to the General Assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

**Section 2.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years.

**Section 3.**

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A	DOH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH				
B	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
C	5CV3	440694	Myocarditis Study	\$2,000,000	\$0
D	TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$2,000,000	\$0
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$2,000,000	\$0
	MYOCARDITIS STUDY				35

The foregoing appropriation item 440694, Myocarditis Study, shall be used to award funding to the state university or research institution selected to conduct a study in accordance with Section 1 of this act. 36  
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**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 manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act of the 135th General Assembly. 40  
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