

## **Ohio Innovation Partnership: From Amended Substitute House Bill Number 119 127th General Assembly**

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- (A) The quality of the program that is the subject of the proposal and the extent to which additional resources will enhance its quality;
- (B) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with the strengths of the regional economy;
- (C) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with centers of research excellence within the private sector;
- (D) The amount of other institutional, public, or private resources, whether monetary or nonmonetary, that the proposal pledges to leverage;
- (E) The extent to which the proposal is collaborative with other public or nonpublic Ohio institutions of higher education;
- (F) The extent to which the proposal is integrated with the university's or college's mission and does not displace existing resources already committed to the mission;
- (G) The extent to which the proposal facilitates a more efficient utilization of existing faculty and programs;

(H) The extent to which the proposal meets a statewide educational need;

(I) The demonstrated productivity or future capacity of the students or scientists to be recruited;

(J) The extent to which the proposal will create additional capacity in educational or economic areas of need;

(K) The extent to which the proposal will encourage students who received degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine from two-year institutions to transfer to state universities or colleges to pursue baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine;

(L) The extent to which the proposal encourages students enrolled in state universities to transfer into science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine programs;

(M) The extent to which the proposal facilitates the completion of a baccalaureate degree in a cost-effective manner, for example, by facilitating students' completing two years at a two-year institution and two years at a state university or college;

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(O) The extent to which other institutional, public, or private resources pledged to the proposal will be deployed to assist in sustaining students' scholarships over their academic careers;

(P) The extent to which the proposal increases the likelihood that students will successfully complete their degree programs in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medicine or in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medical education;

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**Sec. 3333.63.** The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall conduct at least one public meeting annually, prior to deciding awards under the Ohio innovation partnership. At the meeting, an employee of the chancellor shall summarize the proposals submitted for consideration, and each state university or college that has a proposal pending shall have the opportunity to review the summary of their proposal prepared by the chancellor's staff and answer questions or respond to concerns about the proposal raised by the chancellor's staff.

**Sec. 3333.64.** The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall endeavor to make awards under the choose Ohio first scholarship program and the Ohio research scholars program such that the aggregate, statewide amount of other institutional, public, and private money pledged to the proposals in each fiscal year equals at least one hundred per cent of the aggregate amount of the money awarded under both programs that year. The chancellor shall endeavor to make awards under the choose Ohio first scholarship program in such a way that at least fifty per cent of the students receiving the scholarships are involved in a co-op or internship program in a private industry or a university laboratory. The value of institutional, public, or private industry co-ops and internships shall count toward the statewide aggregate amount of other institutional, public, or private money specified in this paragraph.

The chancellor also shall endeavor to distribute awards in such a way that all regions of the state benefit from the economic development impact of the programs and shall guarantee that students from all regions of the state are able to participate in the scholarship program.

**Sec. 3333.65.** The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall require each state university or college that the controlling board approves to receive an award under the Ohio innovation partnership to enter into an agreement governing the use of the award. The agreement shall contain terms the chancellor determines to be necessary, which shall include performance measures, reporting requirements, and an obligation to fulfill pledges of other institutional, public, or nonpublic resources for the proposal.

The chancellor may require a state university or college that violates the terms of its agreement to repay the award plus interest at the rate required by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code to the chancellor.

If the chancellor makes an award to a program or initiative that is intended to be implemented by a state university or college in collaboration with other state institutions of higher education or nonpublic Ohio universities or colleges, the chancellor may enter into an agreement with the collaborating universities or colleges that permits awards to be received

directly by the collaborating universities or colleges consistent with the terms of the program or initiative. In that case, the chancellor shall incorporate into the agreement terms consistent with the requirements of this section.

**Sec. 3333.66.** (A) In each academic year, no student who receives a choose Ohio first scholarship shall receive less than one thousand five hundred dollars or more than one-half of the highest in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees charged by all state universities. For this purpose, if Miami university is implementing the pilot tuition restructuring plan originally recognized in Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th general assembly, that university's instructional and general fees shall be considered to be the average full-time in-state undergraduate instructional and general fee amount after taking into account the Ohio resident and Ohio leader scholarships and any other credit provided to all Ohio residents.

(B) The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall encourage state universities and colleges, alone or in collaboration with other state institutions of higher education, nonpublic Ohio universities and colleges, or other public or private Ohio entities, to submit proposals under the choose Ohio first scholarship program for initiatives that recruit Ohio residents enrolled in colleges and universities in other states or other countries to return to Ohio and enroll in state universities or colleges as graduate students in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine, or in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or medical education. If such proposals are submitted and meet the chancellor's competitive criteria for awards, the chancellor, subject to approval by the controlling board, shall give at least one of the proposals preference for an award.

(C) The general assembly intends that money appropriated for the choose Ohio first scholarship program in each fiscal year be used for scholarships in the following academic year.

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**Sec. 3333.68.** When making an award under the Ohio innovation partnership, the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents, subject to approval by the controlling board, may commit to giving a state university's or college's proposal preference for future awards after the current fiscal year or fiscal biennium. A proposal's eligibility for future awards remains conditional on all of the following:

- (A) Future appropriations of the general assembly;
- (B) The university's or college's adherence to the agreement entered into under section 3333.65 of the Revised Code, including its fulfillment of pledges of other institutional, public, or nonpublic resources;
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The chancellor and the controlling board shall not commit to awarding any proposal for more than five fiscal years at a time. However, when a commitment for future awards expires, a state university or college may reapply.

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**Sec. 3333.70.** Not later than December 31, 2008, and the thirty-first day of December of each year thereafter, the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall submit to the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code a report on the academic and economic impact of the Ohio innovation partnership. At a minimum, the report shall include the following:

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