



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research Fund and the Medical University Research Reserve Fund to provide grants to medical schools at state institutions of higher education for research on terminal, chronic, or incurable diseases.
 - Requires the General Assembly to appropriate an amount equal to not less than one-tenth of 1% of the total prior year General Revenue Fund appropriations.
 - Makes an appropriation.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research grants

The bill requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to establish and administer the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research Fund to provide grants to accredited medical schools at state institutions of higher education for conducting research on terminal, chronic, or currently incurable diseases.¹

To aid in the administration of the program, the Chancellor must create and appoint members to the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research Fund Board. Board members must have demonstrated experience and expertise in medical

¹ R.C. 3333.101(B).

research. The board's function is to solicit, accept, and review applications for grants under the program.²

To finance the grants, the bill requires the General Assembly to appropriate, for each fiscal year, an amount equal to not less than one-tenth of 1% of the total amount of moneys appropriated for all purposes from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) in the previous fiscal year.³ The bill also creates the Medical University Research Reserve Fund, into which the Chancellor must transfer any funds remaining after awarding grants for each fiscal year. Moneys in the Reserve Fund may be used to award future grants.⁴

Appropriation

The bill requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer cash in an amount equal to one-tenth of 1% of the total amount of moneys appropriated for all purposes from the GRF in fiscal year 2015 from the GRF to the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research Fund.⁵

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-15-18

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² R.C. 3333.101(C).

³ R.C. 3333.101(D).

⁴ R.C. 3333.102.

⁵ Section 2.

