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Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House Floor.)

S.B. 166 of the 134th General Assembly

House Economic & Workforce Development

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American Medical Technologists

Allows a dental assistant who is certified by the American Medical Technologists, in addition to meeting other continuing law requirements, to perform additional dental services and makes such an individual eligible to receive a dental x-ray machine operator certificate and eligible to take the examination to practice as an expanded function dental auxiliary.

Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program

Revises the eligibility requirements for and administration of the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program.

Specifies the types of schools that may participate in the program to include commercial driver training schools licensed by the Director of Public Safety and those exempted from licensure but approved by the Chancellor of Higher Education and the Director operated by public and private institutions of higher education, adult training programs, and career-technical centers.

Declares the revisions to the program as an emergency.

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Treasurer

Allows the treasurer of Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) to be insured for faithful performance, as an alternative to bonding as under continuing law, for the amount of money in the treasurer's sole control, minus a "reasonable deductible."

Eliminates the necessity for the Attorney General to approve the NEOMED treasurer's bond that must be given before entering upon the discharge of the treasurer's official duties.

Definition of "state university"

Adds the NEOMED to the definition of "state university," as used in several provisions of continuing law.

Career awareness and exploration funds

Specifies that a lead district of a career-technical planning district must use career awareness and exploration funds to provide relevant career awareness and exploration programs to all students within the career-technical planning district, instead of disbursing those funds to member districts and schools for use as required under current law.

Replaces “district’s or school’s enrolled ADM” with “sum of enrolled ADM for all districts and schools within the career technical planning district” as a factor in computing career awareness and exploration funds.

Tax credit for career-technical program employers

Removes a provision of the Senate-passed version that authorizes an income tax withholding credit for employers for wages paid to a student participating in a career-technical education program and, instead, authorizes a nonrefundable income tax credit for employers equal to 15% of the wages paid to a student participating in such a program.

Limits the total amount of credits that may be issued in any fiscal biennium to \$5 million and the total amount that may be issued per year to any employer to \$5,000 per student.

Employers Providing Work-Based Learning Pilot Program

Makes the following changes to the Employers Providing Work-Based Learning Pilot Program created under the bill:

- Requires the Administrator of Workers’ Compensation to adopt a rule that prohibits the Administrator from charging against an employer’s experience any amount with respect to a workers’ compensation claim if (1) the employer provides work-based learning experiences for students enrolled in a career-technical education program and (2) the claim is based on a student’s injury, occupational disease, or death sustained while participating in the employer’s work-based learning experience.
- Removes the requirement that the Administrator grant a premium rate discount for an employer that provides a work-based learning experience under the program.
- Removes the prohibition that prevents, for the program’s duration, an insurance company from increasing a premium rate under a policy insuring an employer against liability for an employee’s injury, occupational disease, or death not covered by the Workers’ Compensation Law solely because the employer provides a work-based learning experience under the program.
- Removes the requirement that the Administrator submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the program.

State report card postsecondary readiness measure

Expands one of the methods a student may use to demonstrate readiness for the purposes of the state report card’s postsecondary readiness measure by earning an OhioMeansJobs-readiness seal and completing 250 hours of a work-based learning experience aligned to a career-technical pathway approved by the Department of Education, in addition to

earning that seal and completing 250 hours of a work-based learning experience approved by the business advisory council that represents the student's school district (as under continuing law).