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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Hicks-Hudson

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### SUMMARY

- Requires the Chancellor of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Ohio State University and Central State University cooperative extension services, to establish the Urban Farmer Youth Initiative Pilot Program.
- Makes an appropriation.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Urban Farmer Youth Initiative Pilot Program

The bill requires the Chancellor of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Ohio State University (OSU) Cooperative Extension Services and Central State University (CSU) Cooperative Extension Services, to establish the Urban Farmer Youth Initiative Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program is to provide relevant programming and support with regard to farming and agriculture to young people between the ages of six to eighteen living in urban areas.<sup>1</sup>

Under the bill, the pilot program will operate for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 and offer programming in at least two, but not more than four counties.<sup>2</sup>

The bill permits the Chancellor and the OSU and CSU Cooperative Extension Services to do both of the following:<sup>3</sup>

1. Use up to 15% of the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2022 to develop and establish the pilot program; and

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1(A).

<sup>2</sup> Section 1(B).

<sup>3</sup> Section 1(C)(1).

2. Partner with local entities to deliver programming for the pilot program. The bill permits the Chancellor and the extension services to pay entities for services with funds appropriated for the pilot program.

The bill also specifically permits funds appropriated for the pilot program to be used to support existing agricultural organizations to help expand programming to include young people living in urban areas.<sup>4</sup>

## Appropriation

The bill appropriates \$250,000 in each of FY 2022 and FY 2023 to the Urban Farmer Youth Initiative Pilot Program.<sup>5</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>4</sup> Section 1(C)(2).

<sup>5</sup> Sections 2 and 3.