

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.2 Setting the amount of the Student Workforce Development Grant for the 2001-2002 academic year

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Student Workforce Development Grant Program provides state-funded financial assistance to students enrolled in associate degree or bachelor's degree programs at Ohio private career schools (also know as proprietary schools); and

WHEREAS, Section 3333.29 of the Revised Code requires the Board of Regents to administer the Student Workforce Development Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Section 3333.29 of the Revised Code authorizes the Board of Regents to determine the amount of the annual Student Workforce Development Grant based on the amount of funds available for the program; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has appropriated \$1,200,000 for the Student Workforce Development Grant Program in fiscal year 2002; and

WHEREAS, the number of Student Workforce Development Grant recipients is estimated at 8,500 in fiscal year 2002;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Ohio Board of Regents hereby determines that the amount of the annual Student Workforce Development Grant shall be \$144 for the 2001-2002 academic year.

BACKGROUND

Setting the amount of the Student Workforce Development Grant for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The Student Workforce Development Grant Program provides tuition assistance to students enrolled in approved associate and bachelor's degree programs at Ohio private career schools (also known as proprietary schools) which are registered with the State Board of Proprietary School Registration. This program is codified in Section 3333.29 of the Revised Code.

The first Student Workforce Development Grants were awarded to first year students enrolled in the 2000-2001 academic year. Students who enrolled in a private career school prior to July 1, 2000 are not eligible to receive these benefits. State appropriations for the 2000-2001 academic year totaled \$2,250,000. Based on a projected pool of 5,500 eligible students, the annual amount of the Student Workforce Development Grant was set at \$384 for the 2000-2001 academic year. The actual number of recipients in that year is 4,389 with actual expenditures of \$1,262,120.

Projections provided by the Ohio Council of Private Career Schools and Colleges indicate that approximately 8,500 students will be eligible for the Student Workforce Development Grant in the 2001-2002 academic year. This number includes both first year and second year students. With state appropriations of \$1,200,000 for fiscal year 2002, the amount of the annual Student Workforce Development Grant should be set at \$144 for the 2001-2002 academic year.