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K.**

A BILL

To enact sections 3333.101 and 3333.102 of the 1
Revised Code to create the Frances Lewandowski 2
Memorial Medical Research Fund and the Medical 3
University Research Reserve Fund to provide 4
grants to colleges for research on terminal or 5
incurable diseases and to make an appropriation. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3333.101 and 3333.102 of the 7
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 3333.101. (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "Eligible program" means a medical school accredited 10
by the liaison committee on medical education or an osteopathic 11
medical school accredited by the American osteopathic 12
association. 13

(2) "State institution of higher education" has the same 14
meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 15

(B) The chancellor of higher education shall establish and 16

administer the Frances Lewandowski memorial medical research 17
fund to provide grants to eligible programs at state 18
institutions of higher education for conducting research on 19
terminal, chronic, or currently incurable diseases. 20

The chancellor shall transfer any funds not awarded under 21
this section in a fiscal year to the medical university research 22
reserve fund created in section 3333.102 of the Revised Code to 23
use for awarding grants in subsequent fiscal years. 24

(C) (1) Not later than ninety days after the effective date 25
of this section, the chancellor shall create, and appoint 26
members to, the Frances Lewandowski memorial medical research 27
fund board to solicit, accept, and review applications for the 28
Frances Lewandowski memorial medical research fund. Members of 29
the board shall have demonstrated experience and expertise in 30
the field of medical research. 31

(2) The chancellor shall adopt a policy by which the board 32
shall solicit, accept, and review applications for the Frances 33
Lewandowski memorial medical research fund. The board shall 34
begin accepting and reviewing applications and awarding grants 35
under this section not later than one hundred eighty days after 36
the effective date of this section. 37

(D) The general assembly shall appropriate for the 38
purposes of financing grants under this section, for each fiscal 39
year, an amount equal to not less than one-tenth of one per cent 40
of the total amount of moneys appropriated for all purposes from 41
the general revenue fund in the previous fiscal year. 42

Sec. 3333.102. The medical university research reserve 43
fund is hereby established in the state treasury. After the end 44
of each fiscal year, the chancellor of higher education shall 45

transfer any funds remaining after the Frances Lewandowski 46
memorial medical research fund board awards grants under section 47
3333.101 of the Revised Code into the medical university 48
research reserve fund from which the board may award future 49
grants under that section. 50

Section 2. On July 1, 2018, or as soon as possible 51
thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer 52
cash in an amount equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the 53
total amount of moneys appropriated for all purposes from the 54
General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2018 from the General 55
Revenue Fund to the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical 56
Research Fund (Fund 5PJ0) to be used by the Chancellor of the 57
Board of Regents for the grant program established under section 58
3333.101 of the Revised Code. The transferred cash is hereby 59
appropriated. 60