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Senator Hoagland

**Cosponsors: Senators LaRose, Obhof, Gardner, Tavares, Kunze, Hottinger,
Uecker, Yuko, Beagle**

A BILL

To enact section 5501.491 of the Revised Code to 1
extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program 2
through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to 3
require the Director of Transportation to submit 4
a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of 5
Representatives recommending ways to continue to 6
fund the program. 7

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

Section 1. That section 5501.491 of the Revised Code be 8
enacted to read as follows: 9

Sec. 5501.491. (A) There is hereby created the department 10
of transportation bridge partnership program. Under the program, 11
the department shall work with counties and local jurisdictions 12
to, at the discretion of the director of transportation, either 13
pay the full cost of, or match local expenditures with regard 14
to, the rehabilitation or reconstruction of selected bridges 15
that are located on county roads or within municipal 16
corporations and are owned by a county or municipal corporation, 17

as applicable. 18

The program also shall apply to embankments, drainage, and 19
other issues related to a subject bridge. The director shall 20
confer with the appropriate county or municipal corporation 21
officials in determining what bridges will be part of the 22
program. 23

(B) A bridge must meet all of the following criteria in 24
order to be eligible for the program: 25

(1) The bridge must be not less than twenty feet in 26
length. 27

(2) The bridge must be "structurally deficient" in that 28
the bridge, while safe for use, is in need of repair. 29

(3) The bridge currently must be open and carrying 30
vehicular traffic. 31

(C) Within ninety days of the effective date of this 32
section, the director of transportation shall submit a report to 33
the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of 34
the house of representatives on funding the program. The report 35
shall include recommendations for how the department can 36
continue to fund the program through the end of fiscal year 2019 37
and can continue to fund the program after the end of fiscal 38
year 2019 using the department's current and continued revenue 39
sources. 40

Section 2. Section 5501.491 of the Revised Code is hereby 41
repealed, effective July 1, 2019. 42