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Version: As Reported by Senate Veterans and Public Safety

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Roegner

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SUMMARY

- Updates the definitions of the U.S. armed forces, armed services, and uniformed services throughout the Revised Code to include the U.S. Space Force.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Space Force

The bill updates the definitions of the U.S. armed forces, armed services, and uniformed services throughout the Revised Code to include the U.S. Space Force. The U.S. Space Force was established on December 20, 2019, under Public Law 116-92 and functions under the umbrella of the U.S. Air Force.¹ The primary mission of the U.S. Space Force is to secure “our Nation’s interest in, from, and to space.”²

The following table lists each section of the Revised Code that is updated by the bill to include the U.S. Space Force in the definition of the U.S. armed forces, armed services, or uniformed services, as applicable. Notably, each entry in the table represents a conforming change in state law to ensure the inclusion of the U.S. Space Force; no other changes were made regarding the underlying state laws concerning the U.S. armed forces, armed services, or uniformed services (such as benefits available to veterans) that are included in the bills.

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) 101 and 10 U.S.C. Chapter 908; see also “[U.S. Space Force: The Sixth Branch of the U.S. Armed Forces](#)” available on the Library of Congress’ blogging website: blogs.loc.gov.

² See “[About the Space Force](#)” on the U.S. Space Force’s website: www.spaceforce.mil.

| Description of state statute | R.C. section |
|---|------------------|
| Veteran-Friendly Business Procurement Program (Department of Development) | 122.925 |
| Examinations for civil service | 124.23 |
| Public Employees Retirement System – military service credit | 145.30 |
| Police and Fire Pension Fund – military service credit | 742.52; 742.521 |
| Child abuse or neglect investigation | 2151.4210 |
| State Teachers Retirement System – military service credit | 3307.75 |
| Public School Employees Retirement System – military service credit | 3309.02 |
| Board of Education – presentation of career info to students | 3313.471 |
| Reemployment of school employee under USERRA ³ | 3319.085 |
| Armed Services absent voter’s ballots | 3511.01 |
| Physicians licensing exceptions | 4731.36 |
| Occupational licensing boards – temporary licenses for service members | 4743.041 |
| Highway Patrol Retirement System-military service credit | 5505.16 |
| Income tax | 5747.01 |
| Veterans’ rights; reemployment | 5903.01; 5903.02 |
| Veterans’ homes | 5907.01; 5907.04 |
| War orphans and severely disabled veterans’ children scholarships | 5910.01 |

HISTORY

| Action | Date |
|---|----------|
| Introduced | 09-13-23 |
| Reported, S. Veterans and Public Safety | --- |

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³ 38 U.S.C. Chapter 43.