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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 act 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 the act updates 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 statutes.

* The Legislative Service Commission had not received formal notification of the effective date at the time this analysis was prepared. Additionally, the analysis may not reflect action taken by the Governor.

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: [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	02-28-24
Passed Senate (31-0)	02-28-24
Reported, H. Armed Services and Veterans Affairs	06-25-24
Passed House (84-0)	12-04-24

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³ 38 U.S.C. Chapter 43.