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SUMMARY

- Creates the Joint Law Enforcement Oversight Committee.
- Makes an appropriation.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Joint Law Enforcement Oversight Committee

The bill creates the Joint Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (JLEOC) to evaluate training standards and programs to be completed by peace officers in Ohio.

Committee duties

The Committee must review and evaluate training standards and programs required to be completed by any peace officer in Ohio, and recommend, to the extent the Committee determines appropriate, improvements in statutes and rules concerning peace officer training standards and programs. In addition to these mandatory duties, the Committee has the discretionary authority to do all of the following:

- Require the chairperson of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to appear before the Commission to provide information about the Training Commission;
- Review bills and resolutions regarding peace officer training standards and programs introduced in the General Assembly and submit a report of its review to the General Assembly;
- Solicit written and verbal comments on drafts of its reports.¹

¹ R.C. 103.53.

Committee membership

The Committee must consist of three Senate members, appointed by the Senate President, two of whom are members of the majority party and one of whom is a member of the minority party, and three House of Representatives members, appointed by the Speaker of the House, two of whom are members of the majority party and one of whom is a member of the minority party.²

Each member's term begins on the day of appointment to the Committee and ends on the last day that the member serves in the House or Senate during the General Assembly in which the member is appointed. The President and Speaker must make the initial appointments no later than 60 days after the bill's effective date. Subsequent appointments must be made not later than 15 days after the commencement of the first regular session of each General Assembly.³

In odd-numbered years, the President must designate one member of the majority party as the Committee's chairperson, and the Speaker must designate one member of the majority party as the vice-chairperson and one minority party member as the ranking minority member. In even-numbered years, the Speaker designates the chairperson, and the President designates the vice-chairperson and ranking minority member. The President and Speaker must consult with the minority leader in appointing and designating minority members.⁴

Committee meetings

Committee meetings must be held at the call of the chairperson. The Committee must meet at least once a month unless the chairperson and ranking minority member agree not to meet for a particular month.⁵

Member compensation

Members are compensated at a per diem rate of \$150, plus necessary travelling expenses, when engaged in their Committee duties on days when there is not a voting session of the member's house of the General Assembly.⁶

Committee employees

The chairperson may, subject to approval by the Speaker or the President, or the designee of either, employ professional, technical, and clerical employees. Such employees are in the unclassified service and may be terminated by the chairperson, subject to approval by the Speaker or President or the designee of either. The Committee also may contract for the services

² R.C. 103.52(C)(1) and (2).

³ R.C. 103.52(D).

⁴ R.C. 103.52(E) and (F).

⁵ R.C. 103.52(G).

⁶ R.C. 103.52(H).

or persons qualified by education and experience to advise, consult, or otherwise assist the Committee.⁷

Subpoena authority

The chairperson may issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum when authorized by the Committee and the President and Speaker. A subpoena may require a witness in Ohio to appear before the Committee to testify. A subpoena duces tecum may require witnesses or other persons in Ohio to produce tangible evidence before the Committee. The chairperson may administer oaths to witnesses appearing before the Committee.⁸

Appropriation

The bill makes a \$600,000 appropriation from the General Revenue Fund for FY 2026. The funds are to be used to employ a task force of technical professionals to assist the Committee in evaluating training standards and programs.⁹

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	01-22-25

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⁷ R.C. 103.52(I).

⁸ R.C. 103.52(J) and (K).

⁹ Sections 2, 3, and 4.