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SUMMARY

- Requires the Department of Administrative Services to conduct a biennial comprehensive study of all real property owned or leased by the state or a state agency.
- Requires the report to include information on the nature of the property, its value, cost of maintenance, current and potential usage, square footage, and whether it is owned, rented, or leased.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

State property study

The bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to conduct a biennial comprehensive study, and issue a report on, all real property owned or leased by the state or a state agency.

The bill defines “state agency” as “every organized body, office, or agency established by the laws of the state for the exercise of any function of state government,” including JobsOhio, a nonprofit corporation formed under state law,¹ but not including the courts or any judicial agency, any state-assisted institution of higher education, or any local agency.

The report must include the following information:

- A complete list of all the real property owned by the state or a state agency, organized by who owns the real property, including information regarding the nature of the real property, such as whether the real property includes structures, whether any structure is

¹ R.C. 187.01, not in the bill.

office space, the value of the real property, the cost of maintaining the real property, and what percentage of the real property is used or unused by the state or state agency;

- A complete list of all the real property that the state or a state agency rents or leases, but does not own, and the cost of renting or leasing;
- Which state agencies use the real property, whether owned or leased, and the square footage that is used, versus not used, organized by state agency;
- How much of that real property would be used if all employees of that agency worked in person, rather than remotely.

The DAS Director must deliver the report to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Governor no later than January 31 of every odd-numbered year.²

HISTORY

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² R.C. 123.14.