



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Changes the term of office of a joint vocational school district board member to one year, if that member is appointed on a rotating basis by members of the board when there is an even number of member districts under a plan on file with the Department of Education.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Joint vocational school district board membership

The bill provides that the term of office for a specific type of joint vocational school district (JVSD) board member be for one year, instead of three as required under current law. This term applies in the case of a JVSD board to which both of the following apply:

(1) The JVSD board has an even number of member districts.

(2) The JVSD board has a plan on file with the Department of Education that provides for an additional member to be appointed on a rotating basis by one of the appointing boards.¹

However, under the bill, if such a member was appointed on or after September 29, 2013, that member may continue in office until the expiration of the member's current term of office (three years). If such a member vacates that office for any reason prior to the expiration of the member's term, the bill requires that the new

¹ R.C. 3311.19(B) and 3311.191(A).

replacement member be appointed to serve for the remainder of the vacating member's term. Once that term expires, the term of office thereafter is one year.²

Background

H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, effective September 29, 2013, made several changes to the method of appointing members to the boards of education of joint vocational school districts (JVSD). As a result, JVSD boards are no longer required to be made up of representative members of the boards of the city, exempted village, or local school districts belonging to each respective JVSD or, in some cases, the educational service centers (ESC) serving the same county or counties as under former law. Rather, JVSD membership may be composed of members who are not themselves members of the represented district boards. On the other hand, district and ESC board members may still be members of a JVSD board, but only as long as they meet the professional qualifications prescribed by H.B. 59. Under those provisions, JVSD board members must meet specific professional qualifications and be selected based on the diversity of the employers from the geographical region of the state in which the respective JVSD is located. Members of JVSD boards must have experience as chief financial officers, chief executive officers, human resources managers, or other business and industry professionals who are qualified to discuss the labor needs of the region with respect to the regional economy. Appointing district and ESC boards must appoint members who represent employers in the JVSD region and who are qualified to consider a region's workforce needs with an understanding of the skills, training, and education needed for current and future employment needs in the region. In choosing members to appoint, district and ESC boards may give preference to a qualified individual who has served on a joint vocational school business advisory committee. Under current law, the term of office for members of a JVSD board appointed on or after September 29, 2013, is three years and members are limited to two consecutive terms. A member may serve again after three or more years have passed since the member's last term expired.³

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3311.191(B).

³ R.C. 3311.19.

