



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 122

132nd General Assembly
(As Reported by H. State and Local Government)

Reps. Hambley and Rogers, West, K. Smith, Sheehy

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the features, benefits, and challenges of establishing regional economic development alliances.
 - Requires the Committee to submit a report of its findings and conclusions to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Senate President, at which time the Committee ceases to exist.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee

Duties

The bill creates the Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee, which is required to study the features, benefits, and challenges involved in establishing regional economic development alliances that would enhance collaboration for successful regional economic development efforts, allow for the sharing of services, and permit the mobilization of necessary resources among alliance members. The Committee also must examine the ways in which these alliances would address the needs of regions throughout Ohio.

In completing its study, the Committee must consult with various resource groups, including county commissioners, township trustees, mayors, city council

members, members of statewide and regional organizations that represent political subdivisions, and members of chambers of commerce.¹

Membership

Under the bill, the Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee consists of the following 12 members:

- ◆ Three members of the House of Representatives, not more than two of whom are members of the same party, appointed by the Speaker of the House.
- ◆ Three members of the Senate, not more than two of whom are members of the same party, appointed by the Senate President.
- ◆ The Governor, or the Governor's designee.
- ◆ Two representatives from academia engaged in relevant fields of study, appointed by the Committee's co-chairpersons.
- ◆ Two individuals who are economic development professionals, appointed by the Committee's co-chairpersons.
- ◆ The chairperson of the Regional Prosperity Initiative,² or the chairperson's designee, as a nonvoting, ex officio member.

Committee members must be appointed not later than 30 days after the bill's effective date. Any vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

The Speaker of the House and the Senate President must each appoint one Committee member to serve as a co-chairperson of the Committee. The Committee must hold its initial meeting as soon as practicable after the last member is appointed, and all subsequent meetings are to be held at the call of the co-chairpersons.³

¹ Section 1(B).

² The Regional Prosperity Initiative, initiated originally by the Northeast Ohio Mayors and City Managers Association, is a regional land use planning and revenue growth sharing initiative comprised of leaders from 16 counties in Northeast Ohio.

³ Section 1(A).



Submission of a report

Not later than one year after the bill's effective date, the Committee must submit a report of its findings and conclusions to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. The Committee ceases to exist upon the submission of its report.⁴

HISTORY

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Introduced	03-09-17
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⁴ Section 1(C).

