



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 66 of the 132nd G.A.
(L_132_0705-11)

Status: In House Higher Education and Workforce Development

Sponsor: Rep. Young

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Committee to evaluate tenured faculty participation in undergraduate education

The bill establishes the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee to study and evaluate each state university's contribution to the undergraduate mission, with a specific emphasis on ensuring each tenured faculty member's meaningful participation in undergraduate instruction through face-to-face interaction with students. The committee consists of 13 members, including the Chancellor of Higher Education and the president and chief executive officer of the Inter-University Council of Ohio, or their designees; two faculty members from state universities; two chief academic officers from state universities; the chairperson of the Ohio Faculty Council, or the chairperson's designee; and three members each from the House of Representatives and the Senate appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, respectively. The Speaker and President must designate one member from each of their selections to serve as co-chairpersons of the committee. Committee members are not compensated.

The committee must submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly within six months of the bill's effective date. Notably, the bill requires the report to recommend at least one entity that could conduct an external review of and grade each state university with respect to its efforts in encouraging tenured faculty to contribute to the undergraduate mission as well as the criteria under which a university would be evaluated. The bill is silent on the matter of who would provide the committee with any services and support necessary to perform its duties, though the workload of the Department of Higher Education may increase if it provides some assistance to the committee.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

Overall, the bill's fiscal effects remain unchanged under the substitute bill (L_132_0705-11) compared to the previous bill (L_132_0705-7). However, the substitute bill reduces the time in which the committee must submit its report from one year to six months. It also makes two legislative members of the committee the co-chairpersons rather than the Chancellor and the president and chief executive officer of the Inter-University Council of Ohio.

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