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## AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (AIR)

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### Ohio Coal Development Office

(R.C. 1551.311, 1551.32, 1551.33, 1551.35, 1555.02, 1555.03, 1555.04, 1555.05, 1555.06, 1555.08, and 1555.17; Section 515.30)

The act transfers the Ohio Coal Development Office from within the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) to within the Department of Development. The Office's purpose is to support research and development in the use of Ohio coal in an environmentally sound and economical manner, including by financing technology and facilities with the proceeds of state general obligation bonds. The act does not change the Office or its functions and authority, but confers on the Department of Development all of the prior authority of the OAQDA related to the Office, including the duty to appoint the Office Director. As a result of the transfer, the act eliminates the requirement that the Office or the Office Director obtain the affirmative vote of a majority of the seven OAQDA members to perform certain actions, including making loans and grants, requesting the issuance of general obligations, entering into contracts, and spending money credited to the continuing Coal Research and Development Fund.

The act also removes the Director of Development as an ex officio member from the technical advisory committee that assists the Office. The technical advisory committee consists of 13 members that are appointed by the Director of the Office, the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the President and the Minority Leader of the Senate. The Director of Environmental Protection serves on the committee as an ex officio member.

Finally, the act establishes transition procedures for the transfer of the Ohio Coal Development Office from the OAQDA to the Department of Development.

