
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Abolishes various commissions, committees, and a task force.
- Abolishes the Board of Directors of the Center for Community Health Worker Excellence and abolishes the statutory authority for the Center as a public-private partnership.
- Modifies procedures for the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee to select a chairperson.
- Specifies terms and chairpersons for the Advisory Board to the Governor’s Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives.
- Codifies the MARCS Steering Committee in permanent law.
- Eliminates the requirement that the Director of Health, every two years, produce a report on rare diseases in Ohio.
- Modifies the General Assembly membership of the Student Tuition Recovery Authority.
- Removes the authority of the Speaker of the House to make a discretionary appointment to a Transportation Improvement District.
- Removes a residency requirement regarding members of the House and Senate who serve on the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission.
- Modifies the commencement schedule for the Sunset Review Committee.
- Modifies membership of the Emergency Response Commission.

Abolition of special commissions, committees, and task forces

The bill abolishes the following entities:

Joint Committee to Examine the Activities of the State’s Protection and Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program

(R.C. 5123.603, repealed)

The bill abolishes the Joint Committee to Examine the Activities of the State’s Protection and Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program. This joint legislative committee was established in 2021, and issued a report of its recommendations on April 11, 2023.

Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform

(Section 620.30 (Section 757.60 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A., repealed))

The bill abolishes the Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform. The Joint Legislative Committee was established during the 135th General Assembly and issued a final report of recommendations.

Legacy Pain Management Study Committee

(Section 620.30 (Section 335.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A., repealed))

The bill abolishes the Legacy Pain Management Study Committee. The Committee was established during the 135th General Assembly to study and evaluate the care and treatment of patients suffering from chronic or debilitating pain, in particular those who have been prescribed opioids for lengthy periods of time, often referred to as legacy patients.

Nursing Facility Payment Commission

(R.C. 5165.261, repealed)

The bill abolishes the Nursing Facility Payment Commission. This Legislative Commission was established in 2021 and was required to submit a report by August 31, 2022.

Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force

(R.C. 101.38, repealed)

The bill abolishes the Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force. The Task Force was established in 2005.

Scholarship Rules Advisory Committee

(R.C. 3333.373, repealed; R.C. 3333.374 (conforming amendment))

The bill abolishes the Scholarship Rules Advisory Committee. The Committee provides recommendations to the Chancellor of Higher Education as to rules, criteria, and guidelines necessary and appropriate to implement certain scholarship and fellowship programs. It was established in 2000.

Task Force to Study Ohio's Indigent Defense System

(Section 630.10 (Section 6 of H.B. 150 of the 134th G.A., repealed))

The bill abolishes the Task Force to Study Ohio's Indigent Defense System. It was established in 2023 to provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the delivery, structure, and funding of indigent defense.

Task Force on Bail

(Section 630.20 (Section 5 of S.B. 202 of the 134th G.A., repealed))

The bill abolishes the Task Force on Bail. It was established in 2023 to collect and evaluate data regarding the usage of bail in Ohio. It was required to submit a report to the General Assembly.

Turnpike Legislative Review Committee

(R.C. 5537.24, repealed; R.C. 5537.01, 5537.03, and 5537.27 (conforming amendments))

The bill abolishes the Turnpike Legislative Review Committee. The Committee was established in 1996, and considers reports made by the Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission

including financial and budgetary matters and proposed and on-going construction, maintenance, repair, and operational projects of the Commission.

Center for Community Health Worker Excellence

(R.C. 3701.0212, repealed)

The bill abolishes the Board of Directors of the Center for Community Health Worker Excellence and abolishes the statutory authority for the Center as a public-private partnership. The Center was established in law as a public-private partnership in 2023. Its stated purpose is to support and foster the practice of community health workers and improve access to community health worker services across Ohio.

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

(R.C. 103.71; R.C. 103.72 and 103.73, repealed and recodified; R.C. 9.07, 103.76, 103.77, and 103.78 (conforming amendments))

The bill requires the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC) to select from its membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson within 60 days after the commencement of the first regular session of each General Assembly.

The bill requires a majority vote of members to select a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary, and requires a Senate member to be the chairperson and a House member to be the vice-chairperson during the first regular session of a general assembly and a House member to be the chairperson and a Senate member to be the vice-chairperson during the second regular session of the General Assembly.

The bill also recodifies several provisions within CIIC Law.

Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives, Advisory Board

(R.C. 107.12)

The bill specifies that members of the House and Senate, who are appointed to serve on the Advisory Board, may serve on the Board for the duration of the General Assembly during which they were appointed.

The bill specifies that the member of the Senate must be the chairperson during the first regular session of a general assembly and the member of the House must be the chairperson during the second regular session of the General Assembly.

Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Steering Committee

(R.C. 4501.302; Section 620.20 (Section 363.10 of H.B. 2 of the 135th G.A.))

The bill codifies the MARCS Steering Committee and subcommittee in permanent law. The bill specifies that, upon the bill's effective date, members of the MARCS Steering Committee and the subcommittee may continue service on these committees, their terms unaffected by the codification.

Under the bill, the Steering Committee consists of the following members:

- The Directors, or designees thereof, of Administrative Services, Public Safety, Natural Resources, Transportation, Rehabilitation and Correction, and Budget and Management, and the State Fire Marshal or the State Fire Marshal's designee;
- The following members appointed by the Governor:
 - One representative of the Ohio chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials or its successor organization;
 - One representative of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association or its successor organization;
 - One representative of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police or its successor organization;
 - One representative of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association or its successor organization.
- Two members of the House appointed by the Speaker, one from each party;
- Two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President, one from each party.

The Director of Administrative Services (DAS) or the Director's designee must chair the committee.

The MARCS Steering Committee must assist the DAS Director to effectively and efficiently implement MARCS, as well as develop policies for the ongoing management of the system. The Steering Committee must report to the DAS Director and the Director of Budget and Management on the progress of MARCS implementation and the development of policies related to the system.

The Steering Committee must establish a subcommittee to represent MARCS users on the local government level. The subcommittee chairperson must serve as a member of the Steering Committee.

Report on rare diseases

(R.C. 3701.051, repealed)

The bill eliminates the requirement that the Director of Health, every two years, produce a report on rare diseases in Ohio.

Student Tuition Recovery Authority

(R.C. 3332.081)

The bill modifies the General Assembly membership of the Student Tuition Recovery Authority to be members of the House and Senate appointed by the Speaker of the House or Senate President, instead of the members who chair education committees.

Transportation Improvement Districts

(R.C. 5540.02)

The bill removes the authority of the Speaker of the House to make a discretionary appointment to a Transportation Improvement District.

Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission

(R.C. 5537.02)

The bill removes a requirement that the members of the House and Senate who serve on the Commission represent either a district that is part of the Ohio turnpike system or a district located in the vicinity of a turnpike project that is part of the Ohio turnpike system.

Sunset Review Committee

(R.C. 101.84)

The bill changes the number of days by which the Committee must meet to not later than 90 instead of 30 days after commencement of the General Assembly, for the purpose of choosing a chairperson and establishing the schedule for agency review.

Emergency Response Commission

(R.C. 3750.02)

The bill modifies legislative representation on the Emergency Response Commission by requiring the Speaker of the House to appoint a member of the House and the Senate President to appoint a member of the Senate. Current law specifies that the chairpersons of the respective standing committees of the Senate and House that are primarily responsible for considering environmental issues, are members of the Commission.