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*Bill Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

## **H.B. 653**

123rd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps. Buehrer, Allen, Calvert, DePiero, Flannery, Goodman, Hollister, Patton, Peterson, Robinson, Taylor, Trakas, Van Vyven, Schuring**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Creates the Civil Service Review Commission to review and make recommendations for changes to Ohio's civil service laws, rules, practices, and procedures.
- Requires the Civil Service Review Commission, within nine months of the appointment of its members, to issue its report and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Creation of the Civil Service Review Commission**

The bill creates the Civil Service Review Commission (hereafter "Commission"). The Commission is comprised of six members of the General Assembly, with at least one member in each house coming from the minority party as follows:

- (1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The other seven members are appointed to the Commission by the Governor as follows:

- (1) One appointee must be the Director of Administrative Services or the Director's designee;

(2) Two appointees must be recommended by a statewide organization representing counties;

(3) Two appointees must be recommended by a statewide organization representing municipal corporations;

(4) Two appointees must represent the public.

All appointments to the Commission must be made not later than one month after the effective date of the bill. The Commission is required to be alternately co-chaired by a member of the House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House and a member of the Senate designated by the President of the Senate. The bill requires the co-chairs to alternate chairing meetings of the Commission by agreement of the co-chairs.

### **Duties of the Commission**

The bill requires the Commission to review civil service laws and practice under those laws in Ohio. The Commission must accomplish this task by conducting a comprehensive analysis of Ohio's civil service laws as set forth in the Revised Code and associated rules. The review is to include an analysis of how the laws and any associated rules are applied in practice by public entities across Ohio.

The Commission may review decisions of the Personnel Board of Review or other administrative and judicial bodies to determine how decisions of the Board or those other bodies influence the interpretation or application of civil service laws. The bill also allows the Commission to review practices and innovations of other public entities in other states. The Commission may call witnesses and review any other information that it determines appropriate and may consider recommendations of the Governor's Management Improvement Commission.

### **The Commission's report**

The bill requires the Commission to issue a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives when the Commission completes its review, but not later than nine months after all appointments to the Commission have been made. The report is required to do both of the following:

(1) Identify current statutes, rules, practices, and procedures;

(2) Make recommendations for changes to those statutes, rules, practices, and procedures that the Commission determines necessary to produce improvement.

The Commission ceases to exist upon the issuance of its report.

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## **HISTORY**

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