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*Bill Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

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Sen. Watts

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires that a male who is 18 years of age or older must be registered or exempt from registering with the Selective Service System as a condition for employment with a state agency or a political subdivision.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill requires that any male who is 18 years of age or older must be registered or exempt from registering with the Selective Service System under the Military Selective Service Act in order to be initially employed with a state agency or political subdivision of the state (sec. 9.52(B)(1)). Similarly, for males initially employed by the state or a political subdivision before reaching the age of 18, the bill requires that they must be so registered or exempt from registering in order to continue their employment once they reach age 18 (sec. 9.52(C)(1)). Political subdivisions and state agencies (see **COMMENT** 1 and 2) are prohibited from initially employing or continuing the employment of these categories of males if they do not so register or demonstrate exempt status from registering (secs. 9.52(B)(2) and (C)(2) and 124.25(B)(2)).

The bill provides that a person's "statement of Selective Service status" is acceptable evidence for purposes of showing Selective Service status (secs. 9.52(A)(4) and (D) and 124.25(B)(2)). The bill uses the definition of "statement of Selective Service status" that is used in current law to require similar Selective Service registration or exemption from registration for purposes of receiving state aid or financial assistance to attend institutions of higher education. The statement certifies that the person has registered with the Selective Service System or is not required to so register for one of several specified reasons: (1) the person is not between the ages of 18 and 26, (2) the person is on active duty with the United States armed forces other than for training a reserve or National Guard unit, (3) the person is a lawful nonimmigrant alien, or (4) the person is not a United States

citizen and is a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or the Northern Mariana Islands. (Sec. 3345.32(A)(3), not in the bill.)

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## COMMENT

1. "Political subdivision" means a municipal corporation, township, county, school district, or other body corporate and politic responsible for governmental activities only in geographic areas smaller than the state (sec. 9.52(A)(2)).

2. "State agency" means every organized body, office, or agency established by the laws of Ohio for the exercise of any function of state government (sec. 9.52(A)(3)).

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