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## ***Bill Analysis***

*Legislative Service Commission*

### **S.B. 131**

123rd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens. Latell, Cupp, Herington, Fingerhut, McLin**

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#### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes the temporary Asian Long-Horned Beetle Study Committee to examine the threat of the beetle in the state and possible means to eradicate the beetle.
- Requires the Committee to prepare a report within 120 days after the bill's effective date.
- Makes an appropriation.

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#### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill establishes the temporary Asian Long-Horned Beetle Study Committee consisting of the Director of Agriculture or his designee, the Director of Natural Resources or his designee, and a representative of the Ohio Cooperative Extension Service. The Director of Agriculture must request that representatives from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in the United States Department of Agriculture and the Forest Service in that same department serve on the Committee. (Section 1(A).)

The Committee must hold its first meeting within 30 days after the bill's effective date. The Director of Agriculture or his designee is to serve as chairperson. Within 120 days after the bill's effective date, the Director of Agriculture must submit a report containing at least the following:

(1) An explanation of the status of the infestation or threat of infestation of the Asian long-horned beetle in Ohio;

(2) An explanation of the measures that may be used to prevent the infestation of the beetle in Ohio;

(3) A determination of research costs necessary for studying the prevention of the infestation and the eradication, if necessary, of the beetle in this state;

(4) A determination of public education costs concerning the beetle in Ohio; and

(5) A determination of agency responsibility for the prevention of, education concerning, and, if necessary, the eradication of the Asian long-horned beetle in Ohio. (Section 1(B).)

The bill requires the Director of Agriculture to submit copies of the report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Governor. The Committee ceases to exist 120 days after the bill's effective date. (Section 1(B).)

The bill appropriates \$2,500 in the current biennium to be used for publishing the Committee's report. (Section 2.) The bill takes immediate effect and is not subject to the referendum. (Section 4.)

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## HISTORY

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