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Bill Analysis

Legislative Service Commission

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Carmichael, Blasdel, Flowers, White, Niehaus, Collier, Lendrum, Hagan, Reinhard, Jolivette, Grendell, Distel, Seaver, Willamowski, Fessler, Metzger, Damschroder, Faber, Schaffer, Calvert, Setzer, Hollister, Kearns, Allen, Evans, G. Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Volunteer Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, and Paramedic Study Committee to study the status of volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics in Ohio.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Creation and duties

The bill creates the Volunteer Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, and Paramedic Study Committee and requires it to do all of the following: (1) determine and recommend a methodology to accurately count, on an annual basis, the number of volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical technicians, and volunteer paramedics in Ohio and recommend who should conduct that annual count, (2) study and make recommendations relative to the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters by volunteer fire departments and of volunteer emergency medical technicians and volunteer paramedics by emergency medical service organizations in Ohio, and (3) study the feasibility of and make recommendations relative to creating satellite fire training academies and a mobile fire training facility for volunteer firefighters in Ohio (Section 1(A)).

Composition

The Committee consists of 14 members appointed as follows: (1) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, not more than two of whom can be members of the same political party, (2) three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, not more than two of whom can be members of the same political party, (3) the State Fire Marshal or the State Fire Marshal's designee, (4) one member of

the Ohio Township Association appointed by the House Speaker from among three members nominated by the Association, (5) one member of the Ohio Municipal League appointed by the Senate President from among three members nominated by the League, (6) one member of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association appointed by the Governor from among three members nominated by the Association, (7) one member of the Ohio State Firefighter's Association appointed by the House Speaker from among three members nominated by the Association, (8) one member of the Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Services appointed by the Senate President from among three members nominated by the Association, (9) one employee of the Division of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Public Safety appointed by the Director of Public Safety, and (10) one member of the State Board of Emergency Medical Services appointed by the Governor (Section 1(B)).

Original appointments and vacancies

Original appointments must be made within 60 days after the bill's effective date, and vacancies must be filled in the same manner provided for original appointments (Section 1(B)).

Compensation of members

Members of the Committee receive no compensation, but must be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties (Section 1(C)).

Committee membership and holding other public offices or employments

For the sole purpose of permitting membership on the Committee and the holding of any other public office or employment, membership on the Committee does not constitute the holding of any public office or employment. No Committee member is disqualified from holding any public office or employment, nor does any member forfeit any public office or employment, by reason of Committee membership. (Section 1(D).)

Committee meetings

Not later than 90 days after the bill's effective date, the Director of Commerce, or the Director's designee, must convene the first meeting of the Committee. The Committee then must elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members, by a majority vote of the Committee's membership. Thereafter, the chairperson must convene committee meetings as the chairperson considers necessary to carry out the Committee's purposes. (Section 1(E).)

Committee's report

Not later than 180 days after the Committee's first meeting, the Committee must prepare its recommendations and file a written copy of them with the House Speaker, the Senate President, the Director of Public Safety, and the Director of Commerce. Once the Committee has filed its recommendations, it ceases to exist. (Section 1(F).)

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