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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates an 11-member Ohio Aerospace Advisory Council to, among other functions, (1) examine state and federal laws, rules, and policies that affect the aerospace industry and associated federal installations in Ohio and (2) advise state and local government officials on questions and matters concerning the aerospace industry in Ohio.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Membership and composition

The bill creates an 11-member Ohio Aerospace Advisory Council (hereafter, Council). Two members, the Director of Development and the Governor's Science and Technology Advisor serve in an ex officio capacity; each may have a designee serve on the Council instead. The Director of Development or the Director's designee must serve as the Council's chairperson, and the Council may elect other officers as it considers necessary. (Sec. 122.98(A) and (C).)

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must each appoint one member from their respective houses to serve on the Council. The remaining seven Council members must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as follows (sec. 122.98(A)):

(1) One member must be an employee of the United States Air Force assigned to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

(2) One member must be an employee of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration assigned to the John H. Glenn Research Center.

(3) Five members must be employees or former employees of private enterprises whose primary business is the manufacture or sale of products in the

aerospace industry, or individuals who are faculty members of a state institution of higher education.

All of the individuals appointed by the Governor must be knowledgeable in at least one of the following fields: (a) aerospace technology, (b) national defense issues associated with aerospace technology, or (c) issues facing private enterprises that conduct business in the aerospace industry. The two gubernatorial appointees who are employees of the federal government are to be non-voting members of the Council, and no more than four of the members appointed by the Governor may be members of the same political party. (Sec. 122.98(A).)

Terms of office

Council members appointed by the Governor will serve three-year terms, except that initial appointments are to be staggered so that some initial appointees will serve terms of less than three years. Legislative members will serve on the Council for the biennial session of the General Assembly in which they are appointed. All Council members may be reappointed. (Sec. 122.98(B) and Section 3 of the bill.)

Council meetings

The Council is required to meet at least once every six months. It may meet more frequently upon the call of the chairperson or upon the request of six or more of its members. Six Council members constitute a quorum, but the Council may not take any official action without the affirmative vote of at least five members. (Sec. 122.98(C).)

Department of Development assistance with administrative expenses

Upon the request of the Council, the Department of Development must provide the Council with meeting space, staff services, and other technical assistance. The Department, through its general operating budget, must assist the Council with the costs of production and distribution of reports. (Sec. 122.98(D).)

If the Council decides to have any study conducted by a third party, funds for the study must be derived from contributions from the aerospace industry or other interested parties (sec. 122.98(D)).

Authority of the Council

The Council may undertake two types of activities: examination and advice activities (sec. 122.981(A)). First, it may conduct an examination of existing and proposed laws, rules, and policies of the state or the United States that affect or may affect the growth and viability of the aerospace industry in Ohio and

the status of federal installations in Ohio that are associated with the aerospace industry. Furthermore, it may examine (1) the problems that the aerospace industry in Ohio faces at any particular time, including problems arising from foreign competition or the economic climate in the state, and (2) any other matters relevant to the future of the aerospace industry in Ohio. (Sec. 122.981(A)(1).)

Second, upon request, the Council may advise state and local government officials on questions and matters affecting the aerospace industry in Ohio (sec. 122.981(A)(2)).

Annual report

The Council is required to submit an annual report to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the standing committees of the General Assembly to which matters concerning economic development are normally referred. The report is due no later than October 1 and must describe the Council's activities during the previous year. The report may propose methods to expand the aerospace industry in Ohio, identify problems facing the aerospace industry in Ohio that were discovered during the Council's activities, and make recommendations to modify state statutes, rules, or policies. (Sec. 122.981(B).)

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