



H.B. 176

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits state agencies and state-assisted entities from owning, operating, or leasing aircraft or limousines, or otherwise providing private air travel or limousine service, for their executive staff.
- Generally requires state agencies and state-assisted entities to divest themselves of all aircraft, aircraft leases, limousines, limousine leases, and other paid access to private air and limousine travel.
- Requires executive staff of state agencies and state-assisted entities, when traveling by air in the performance of their official duties, to travel by public conveyance in coach, and prohibits their so traveling by first class.
- Prohibits executive staff of state agencies and state-assisted entities from traveling by limousine.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Air travel and aircraft

Prohibition against aircraft ownership and provision of private air travel

The bill prohibits state agencies and state-assisted entities from owning, operating, or leasing aircraft, or in any other manner providing private air travel, for any of their executives.¹ To this end, within 180 days after the bill's effective

¹ "State agency" means every organized body, office, or agency established by the laws of Ohio for the exercise of any function of state government and specifically includes, but is not limited to, the General Assembly, any legislative agency, the courts, any judicial agency, any state-supported or state-assisted institution of higher education, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, the Public Employees Retirement System, the School

date, each state agency or state-assisted entity must divest itself of all aircraft, aircraft leases, and other paid access to private air travel. However, this divestment requirement does not apply to aircraft that are used for research, monitoring, law enforcement, military, or other similar purposes and that are not used for the exclusive transportation of the agency's or entity's executives, except for the transportation of military personnel in time of war. (R.C. 126.35(B)(1) and (D).)

Prohibition against traveling by first class

The bill also provides that, if a state agency executive or state-assisted entity executive must travel by air as part of performing the executive's official duties, the executive must travel by public conveyance in coach class or its equivalent, and not by first class or its equivalent (R.C. 126.35(C)(1)).

Limousines and limousine service

Prohibition against limousine ownership and provision of limousine travel

The bill prohibits state agencies and state-assisted entities also from owning, operating, or leasing a limousine, or in any other manner providing a limousine service, for any of its executives. To this end, within 180 days after the bill's effective date, each state agency or state-assisted entity must divest itself of all limousines, limousine leases, and other paid access to limousine travel. (R.C. 126.35(B)(2).)

Prohibition against traveling by limousine

The bill correspondingly provides that, if a state agency executive or state-assisted entity executive must travel by surface transportation as part of performing the executive's official duties, the executive cannot travel by limousine (R.C. 126.35(C)(2)).

Employees Retirement System, the State Highway Patrol Retirement System, and the State Teachers Retirement System (R.C. 1.60--not in the bill and R.C. 126.35(A)(2)).

"State-assisted entity" means any private entity that receives funds from the state or a state agency, whether by appropriation or any other type of payment, to perform an activity on behalf of the state or a state agency (R.C. 126.35(A)(3)).

"Executive" means a person who holds a managerial or supervisory position in a state agency or state-assisted entity, including a person who is a member of a state board or commission (R.C. 126.35(A)(1)).

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