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Bill Analysis
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**Reps. Ujvagi, Dodd, Wagoner, Lundy, Brown, J. McGregor, Strahorn,
J. Stewart, Celeste, Yuko, Bolon**

BILL SUMMARY

- Grants paid leave to certain state employees so that they may participate in a funeral honors detail at the funeral of a veteran.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2003 (10 U.S.C. 1491) requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that, upon request, a funeral honors detail is provided for the funeral of any veteran. The detail must consist of two or more persons. At least two of these persons must be members of the Armed Forces, other than retired members, and at least one of these persons must be a member of the branch of the Armed Forces of which the veteran was a member. The remainder of the detail may consist of Armed Forces members, including retired members, or members of veterans organizations or other organizations approved for detail purposes under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Armed Forces members in a detail must wear their respective uniforms.

The bill entitles a state employee to paid leave for those hours the employee is absent from work in order to participate in a funeral honors detail at the funeral of a veteran (R.C. 124.1311(B)). A "state employee" for this purpose is a state employee who (1) is trained to participate in a funeral honors detail at the funeral of a veteran and (2) is a retired or active member of the United States Armed Forces or of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, including the Ohio National Guard. "Funeral honors detail" has the same meaning in the bill as a funeral honors detail described in the federal National Defense Authorization Act of 2003. (R.C. 124.1311(A)(1) and (2).)

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