



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes the 11-member Ohio Community and Neighborhood Service Commission to identify and evaluate community and neighborhood problems and to develop ideas for and encourage the creation of nonprofit, nongovernmental community and neighborhood service programs to address the problems, among other duties.
- Authorizes the Commission to award grants from money available in the Ohio Community and Neighborhood Service Commission Fund, which the bill creates, to support those programs.
- Requires the Commission to prepare an annual report of its findings and recommendations and furnish the report to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Ohio Community and Neighborhood Service Commission

#### Duties

The bill establishes the Ohio Community and Neighborhood Service Commission. The Commission's duties are to:

(1) Identify and evaluate problems being experienced by communities and neighborhoods throughout Ohio, such as poverty, lack of safety and security, poor sanitation, and inadequate clothing, housing, utilities, transportation, education, and health care;

(2) Identify existing nonprofit, nongovernmental community and neighborhood service programs that are addressing the identified problems;

(3) Develop ideas for and encourage the creation of innovative nonprofit, nongovernmental community and neighborhood service programs to address the identified problems;

(4) Identify resources that are available to support nonprofit, nongovernmental community and neighborhood service programs; and

(5) Award grants from money available in the Ohio Community and Neighborhood Service Commission Fund, which the bill creates in the state treasury, to support nonprofit, nongovernmental community and neighborhood service programs.<sup>1</sup>

### **Awarding grants**

The Commission must adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act that prescribe criteria and procedures for awarding grants. The Commission may accept gifts, and may accept or seek and accept grants from any public agency or private source to carry out the Commission's duties. The Commission must deposit all monetary gifts and grants into the Ohio Community and Neighborhood Service Commission Fund. The Commission must use the gifts and grants solely to make grants and to defray the cost of its operations. Gifts and grants are subject to any restriction that applies to the gift or grant.<sup>2</sup>

### **Annual report**

Each year, the Commission must prepare a report of its findings and recommendations and furnish a copy of the report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.<sup>3</sup>

### **Composition of the Commission; organization**

The Ohio Community and Neighborhood Service Commission consists of 11 members: five representatives of the general public appointed by the Governor; the Governor, or the Governor's designee; the Director of Job and Family Services, or the Director's designee; two members of the Senate, one appointed by the President of the Senate and the other appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and two members

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5101.39 and 5101.40.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5101.39 and 5101.40.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5101.39.

of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the other appointed by the Minority Leader of the House.

Members appointed to the Commission from among the general public must have extensive experience in issues related to community and neighborhood services.

The appointing authorities must make initial appointments of the public members to the Commission within 30 days after the bill's effective date. Of the initial appointments to the Commission, two of the public members serve a term that expires on June 30, 2015, and three of the public members serve a term that expires on June 30, 2016. Thereafter, all public members serve a two-year term that begins on July 1 and expires on June 30. A vacancy occurring among the members of the Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Commission members may be reappointed.

A member of the General Assembly appointed to the Commission serves on the Commission until the adjournment sine die of the General Assembly during which the member was appointed, or until the member ceases to be a member of the General Assembly or of the chamber from which the member was appointed.

Commission members are not entitled to compensation but must be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The Commission annually must elect a chairperson from among its members. The Commission must convene as summoned by the chairperson. The first meeting of the Commission must occur within 60 days after the bill's effective date. Thereafter, the Commission must meet not less often than once per month.

The Department of Job and Family Services must provide staff and other support services as necessary for the Commission to carry out its duties.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5101.41.

