



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Barnes, Patmon, Milkovich

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Department of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures to, among other duties, serve as a clearinghouse for information to the public regarding grants, and the criteria for applying for grants, that may be available from Ohio and the federal government.
- Requires the Department also to assemble information regarding all sources of private, philanthropic assistance available to Ohio residents.
- Authorizes the Department to retain the services and fix the compensation of consultants, advisers, and other independent contractors to carry out the bill's purposes.
- Requires the Director of the Department to create a registry of these consultants, advisers, and contractors, and to make the registry available to the public.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Department of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures

The bill creates, as an administrative department of the state, the Department of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures. The Department is to be administered by the Director of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures, who is appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 121.02(U) and 121.03(X).

## **Duties of the Department**

Under the bill, the Department of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures must do all of the following:

(1) Assemble information, and serve as a clearinghouse making information available to the public, regarding each grant, and the criteria for applying to receive each grant, that may be available from Ohio and from the federal government, and regarding all sources of private, philanthropic assistance, financial or otherwise, that are available to Ohio residents;

(2) Solicit private donations to provide grants and assistance, financial or otherwise, for economic development, health, safety, and morals; and

(3) Identify barriers to, and suggest ways of removing barriers to, entry into business, including entry into foreign markets, for Ohio residents.<sup>2</sup>

The Department may receive and accept gifts, grants, donations, and similar funds from any lawful source to be used for the above purposes. The funds must be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the Department of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures Gifts and Grants Fund, which the bill creates.

If a grant or assistance is based on a private donation solicited by the Department, the Department must ensure that the grant or assistance is provided in cooperation with the donor, and that any instructions the donor may have given with regard to the donation are complied with.

The bill authorizes the Department to contract with, retain the services of, or designate, and fix the compensation of, consultants, advisers, and other independent contractors as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the bill's purposes. The Director must create a registry of these consultants, advisers, and other independent contractors, and make the registry available to the public.<sup>3</sup>

### **Applicability of existing law**

Under existing law not changed by the bill, the director of a state department is required to undertake certain actions, for example, appoint an assistant director, establish divisions within the department with the Governor's approval, and take an

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 121.77(A).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 121.77(B) to (D).



oath of office and give bond, to name a few.<sup>4</sup> These laws also apply to the Director of Grants and Philanthropic Gestures, as well as other laws in R.C. Chapter 121.

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## HISTORY

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Introduced	02-11-14

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 121.05, 121.07, and 121.11.

