
OHIO MILITARY FACILITIES COMMISSION

- Establishes the Ohio Military Facilities Commission for the purpose of developing and implementing a program to finance or assist in the financing of infrastructure capital improvements on military and defense installations in the state.
- Specifies that the financial assistance may be in the form of grants, loans, and loan guarantees.

Creation of the Commission

(R.C. 193.15, 193.16, and 193.17)

The bill creates the Ohio Military Facilities Commission for the purpose of developing and implementing a program to finance or assist in the financing of infrastructure capital improvements on military and defense installations in the state, including those facilities operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, NASA, and the Ohio National Guard. The term "infrastructure capital improvement" includes projects involving buildings, utilities, roadways, runways, railways, ramps, gates, fencing, and facilities other than buildings, including new construction, renovations, energy conservation measures, security upgrades, site preparation, land acquisition, clearance, demolition, removal, furnishings, equipment, design, engineering, and planning studies.

The Commission is to consist of the following members: (1) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, two of whom are members of the majority party and one of whom is a member of the minority party, (2) three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President, two of whom are members of the majority party and one of whom is a member of the minority party, (3) the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee, (4) the Director of Budget and Management or the Director's designee, and (5) the Director of Administrative Services or the Director's designee. Initial appointments must be made not later than December 31, 2015. The appointed members are to serve four-year terms. The bill directs the Development Services Agency to provide administrative assistance to the Commission.

The financial assistance provided under the program may be in the form of grants, loans, and loan guarantees. It may also be provided for rental or lease payments that enable new construction in support of the Commission's purposes.



Upon receipt of an application, the Commission must examine the proposed infrastructure capital improvement to determine if it will support job creation, increase opportunities for long-term economic development, or increase the military value of the installation as described in the federal Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990.¹⁵⁶ Only those improvements that meet at least one of those conditions are eligible to receive financial assistance under the program.

¹⁵⁶ See Section 2913 of Public Law Number 101-510.

