BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Abolition of special commissions, committees, and task forces

- Abolishes various commissions, committees, and a task force.
- Abolishes the Board of Directors of the Center for Community Health Worker Excellence and abolishes the statutory authority for the Center as a public-private partnership.

Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives, Advisory Board

- Specifies terms and chairpersons for the Advisory Board to the Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives.

Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Steering Committee

- Codifies the MARCS Steering Committee in permanent law.

Automated Title Processing Board membership

- Beginning January 1, 2026, adds the President of the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association, or the President's representative, and an additional clerk of court of the common pleas to the Automated Title Processing Board.
- Removes the OBM Director as a nonvoting member of the Automated Title Processing Board.

Rail Development Commission

- Increases, from one to two, the number of members appointed to the Ohio Rail Development Commission by the Governor who represent the interest of freight rail companies.
- Specifies that one such member must represent a Class I railroad and the other member must represent a Class II or Class III railroad.
- Exempts those two members from the requirement that they be Ohio residents, provided they have a substantial connection to freight rail operations in Ohio.
- Removes the member appointed by the Governor who represents the interests of passenger rail service.

Other provisions

- Eliminates the requirement that the Director of Health, every two years, produce a report on rare diseases in Ohio.
- Modifies the General Assembly membership of the Student Tuition Recovery Authority.
- Removes the authority of the Speaker of the House to make a discretionary appointment to a Transportation Improvement District.

- Removes a residency requirement regarding members of the House and Senate who serve on the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission.
- Modifies the commencement schedule for the Sunset Review Committee.
- Modifies membership of the Emergency Response Commission.
- Eliminates a position on the Ohio Environmental Education Fund Advisory Council for a member of the Senate.
- Removes the representative of the JFS Bureau of Child Care from the Ohio Lead Advisory Council.

Abolition of special commissions, committees, and task forces

The act abolishes the following entities:

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

(R.C. 103.71, 103.72, 103.74, 103.75, 103.76, 103.77, 103.78, and 107.79, all repealed; Section 525.80)

The act abolishes the Correctional Inspection Committee and transfers certain duties to the Attorney General. See "**Correctional facility inspection services**" in the "**ATTORNEY GENERAL**" chapter.

Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform

(Section 620.30, repealing Section 757.60 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.)

The act abolishes the Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform. The Joint Legislative Committee was established in 2023 and issued a final report of recommendations.

Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support

(R.C. 2919.1910, repealed; R.C. 2919.19 (conforming amendment))

The act abolishes the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support, which was established in 2019.

Legacy Pain Management Study Committee

(Section 620.30, repealing Section 335.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.)

The act abolishes the Legacy Pain Management Study Committee. The Committee was established in 2023 to study and evaluate the care and treatment of patients suffering from chronic or debilitating pain, in particular those who have been prescribed opioids for lengthy periods of time, often referred to as legacy patients.

Nursing Facility Payment Commission

(R.C. 5165.261, repealed)

The act abolishes the Nursing Facility Payment Commission. It was established in 2021 and was required to submit a report by August 31, 2022.

Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force

(R.C. 101.38, repealed)

The act abolishes the Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Legislative Task Force. The Task Force was established in 2005.

Rare Disease Advisory Council; biennial report

(R.C. 103.60 and 3701.50, repealed; Sections 105.40 and 701.100)

The act abolishes the Rare Disease Advisory Council effective December 31, 2025, and requires the Council to submit its final report to the General Assembly by that date.

The act likewise eliminates the requirement enacted in 2021 that the Director of Health produce a report on rare diseases in Ohio every two years. The first report was due in 2025.

Scholarship Rules Advisory Committee

(R.C. 3333.373, repealed; R.C. 3333.374 (conforming amendment))

The act abolishes the Scholarship Rules Advisory Committee. It was established in 2000 to provide recommendations to the Chancellor of Higher Education as to rules, criteria, and guidelines necessary and appropriate to implement certain scholarship and fellowship programs.

Task Force to Study Ohio's Indigent Defense System

(Section 630.10, repealing Section 6 of H.B. 150 of the 134th G.A.)

The act abolishes the Task Force to Study Ohio's Indigent Defense System. It was established in 2023 to provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the delivery, structure, and funding of indigent defense.

Task Force on Bail

(Section 630.20, repealing Section 5 of S.B. 202 of the 134th G.A.)

The act abolishes the Task Force on Bail. It was established in 2023 to collect and evaluate data regarding the usage of bail in Ohio. It was required to submit a report to the General Assembly.

Turnpike Legislative Review Committee

(R.C. 5537.24, repealed; R.C. 5537.01, 5537.03, and 5537.27 (conforming amendments))

The act abolishes the Turnpike Legislative Review Committee. The Committee was established in 1996, and was responsible for considering reports made by the Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, including financial and budgetary matters and proposed and on-going construction, maintenance, repair, and operational projects of the Commission.

Center for Community Health Worker Excellence

(R.C. 3701.0212, repealed)

The act repeals the law establishing the Board of Directors of the Center for Community Health Worker Excellence and abolishes the statutory authority for the Center as a public-private partnership. The Center was established in law as a public-private partnership in 2023. Its stated purpose was to support the practice of community health workers and improve access to community health worker services.

State Information Technology Investment Board

(R.C. 125.181, repealed)

The act repeals the law requiring the DAS Director to establish the State Information Technology Investment Board within DAS. The Board consisted of representatives from various state elective offices and state agencies, including OBM, and recommended opportunities for consolidation and cost-saving measures relating to information technology to the State Chief Information Officer.

Prescription Drug Affordability Advisory Council

(R.C. 125.95, repealed)

The act formally abolishes the Prescription Drug Transparency and Affordability Advisory Council. The Council was created within DAS by the General Assembly in 2019 and tasked with producing a report with recommendations for achieving prescription drug price transparency. After submitting its report, the Council was required to meet at least quarterly to provide guidance. In 2021, the Council was abolished, and the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee, now also abolished, was authorized to examine any of the topics described in the Council's report. The act repeals the authorizing statute for the abolished Council.

Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives, Advisory Board

(R.C. 107.12)

The act specifies that members of the House and Senate, who are appointed to serve on the Advisory Board, may serve on the Board for the duration of the General Assembly during which they were appointed.

The act specifies that the member of the Senate must be the chairperson during the first regular session of a general assembly and the member of the House must be the chairperson during the second regular session of the General Assembly.

Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Steering Committee

(R.C. 4501.302; Section 620.20, amending Section 363.10 of H.B. 2 of the 135th G.A.)

The act codifies the MARCS Steering Committee and subcommittee in permanent law. Beginning September 30, 2025, members of the MARCS Steering Committee and the subcommittee may continue service, their terms unaffected by the codification.

Under the act, the MARCS Steering Committee consists of the following members:

- The Directors, or their designees, of Administrative Services, Public Safety, Natural Resources, Transportation, Rehabilitation and Correction, and Budget and Management, and the State Fire Marshal or the State Fire Marshal's designee;
- The following members appointed by the Governor:
  - One representative of the Ohio chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials or its successor organization;
  - One representative of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association or its successor organization;
  - One representative of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police or its successor organization;
  - One representative of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association or its successor organization.
- Two members of the House appointed by the Speaker, one from each party;
- Two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President, one from each party.

The Director of Administrative Services (DAS) or the Director's designee must chair the committee.

The MARCS Steering Committee must assist the DAS Director to effectively and efficiently implement MARCS, as well as develop policies for the ongoing management of the system. The Steering Committee must report to the DAS Director and the Director of Budget and Management on the progress of MARCS implementation and the development of policies related to the system.

The Steering Committee must establish a subcommittee to represent MARCS users on the local government level. The subcommittee chairperson must serve as a member of the Steering Committee.

Automated Title Processing Board

(R.C. 4505.09; Section 820.80)

Beginning January 1, 2026, the act adds the following two members to the Automated Title Processing Board:

- The President of the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association, or the President's representative; and

- A third clerk of court of the common pleas, appointed by the Governor.

The act also removes the OBM Director as a nonvoting member.

The Board facilitates the operation and maintenance of an automated title processing system and approves the procurement of automated title processing system equipment and ribbons, cartridges, or other devices necessary to operate the equipment. Under continuing law, the Chief of the Division of Parks and Watercraft in DNR or the Chief's designee and the Tax Commissioner or Commissioner's designee are nonvoting members of the Board. The Board also consists of five additional voting members, which includes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or Registrar's representative, a person selected by the Registrar, the President of the Ohio Clerks of Courts Association or the President's representative, and two other clerks of courts of common pleas appointed by the Governor.

Rail Development Commission

(R.C. 4981.02)

The act increases, from one to two, the number of members appointed to the Ohio Rail Development Commission by the Governor who represent the interests of freight rail companies. The act further specifies that one of the two members must represent a Class I railroad and the other member must represent a Class II or Class III railroad. The act exempts both members from the requirement that they be residents of Ohio and allows those members to be residents of another state. However, if a member is from another state, the member must have a substantial connection to freight rail operations in Ohio.

Finally, the act removes a member appointed by the Governor who represents the interests of passenger rail service.

Student Tuition Recovery Authority

(R.C. 3332.081)

The act modifies the General Assembly membership of the Student Tuition Recovery Authority to be members of the House and Senate appointed by the Speaker of the House or Senate President, instead of the members who chair education committees.

Transportation Improvement Districts

(R.C. 5540.02)

The act removes the authority of the Speaker of the House to make a discretionary appointment to a Transportation Improvement District.

Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission

(R.C. 5537.02)

The act removes a requirement that the members of the House and Senate who serve on the Commission represent either a district that is part of the Ohio turnpike system or a district located in the vicinity of a turnpike project that is part of the Ohio turnpike system.

Sunset Review Committee

(R.C. 101.84)

The act changes the number of days by which the Committee must meet to not later than 90 instead of 30 days after commencement of the General Assembly, for the purpose of choosing a chairperson and establishing the schedule for agency review.

Emergency Response Commission

(R.C. 3750.02)

The act adds the DAS Director to the Emergency Response Commission. With this addition, the Commission consists of ten ex-officio members, ten appointed members, and two members of the General Assembly who serve as nonvoting members. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members is necessary for any action taken by the Commission.

The act also modifies legislative representation on the Commission by requiring the Speaker of the House to appoint one House member and the Senate President to appoint one Senate member, instead of designating the chairpersons of the standing committees primarily responsible for environmental issues as Commission members.

Ohio Environmental Education Fund Advisory Council

(R.C. 3745.21)

The act eliminates a membership position on the Ohio Environmental Education Fund Advisory Council for a member of the Senate appointed by the Senate President.

Ohio Lead Advisory Council

(R.C. 3742.32)

The act removes the representative of the JFS Bureau of Child Care from the Ohio Lead Advisory Council. The Department of Children and Youth assumed responsibility for child care on January 1, 2025, and the Council already includes a representative from that Department.