

Economic Development

Sub. H.B. 122

Reps. Hambley and Rogers, West, K. Smith, Sheehy, Antonio, Arndt, Ashford, Barnes, Boggs, Boyd, Brenner, Brown, Celebrezze, Craig, Edwards, Fedor, Galonski, Gavarone, Hill, Holmes, Howse, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Miller, O'Brien, Patterson, Sprague, Strahorn, Sweeney, Sykes

Sens. Coley, Eklund, Hackett, Hoagland, Huffman, O'Brien, Oelslager, Terhar, Uecker

Effective date: August 1, 2018

Study committee

- Creates the Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the features, benefits, and challenges of establishing regional economic development alliances.
- Requires the Committee to submit a report of its findings and conclusions to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President by August 1, 2019, after which the Committee ceases to exist.

Liquor permits

- Allows the Division of Liquor Control to issue a D-5j liquor permit (on-premises alcohol sales in a community entertainment district) in a municipal corporation that was incorporated as a village before 1880 (rather than 1860 as in prior law) and that has a downtown business district.
- Authorizes the Division to issue a D-5l liquor permit (on- and off-premises alcohol sales in a revitalization district) in a county with a population between 172,000 and 195,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

Police and fire levies

- Allows municipal corporations to levy a single tax to provide for both police and fire services.
- Ratifies a joint fire and police services tax levied by a municipal corporation and approved at an election held before the act's effective date.
- Ratifies a ten-year term for a fire services levy that was approved for that term at the 2017 general election.

Sub. H.B. 531

Reps. Schuring and Greenspan, Anielski, Ashford, Barnes, Brown, Clyde, Craig, Gavarone, Lanese, Leland, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Miller, O'Brien, Reineke, Rezabek, Rogers, Ryan, Strahorn, M. Sweeney, West

Sens. Beagle, Bacon, Eklund, Hackett, Huffman, Kunze, Oelslager, Wilson, Yuko

Effective date: March 20, 2019; appropriation effective December 19, 2018

- Removes limits on the total amount of sports event grants that may be awarded in a fiscal year.
- Creates a new fund to receive appropriations to fund the grants but limits the fund's balance to \$10 million.
- Modifies limits on the amount of the grants that may be awarded for a specific event.
- Modifies the formula to calculate grant amounts.
- Authorizes grants for baseball competitions.
- Authorizes grants for sports-related events other than competitions, such as a commemoration or a player draft.
- Disqualifies an event if it was held in Ohio within the last two years or if its hosting is not competitively bid, but exempts a centennial football commemoration from competitive bidding.
- Appropriates \$5 million in FY 2019 for the grant program, transferred from GRF.