Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

• Creates the Commercial Airline and Air Freight Commission, consisting of three members of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, and additional members who represent the passenger airline companies and air freight companies that do business in Ohio.

• Requires the Commission to study the policies that are needed to achieve the goal of sustaining and expanding commercial passenger airline and air freight service, including international service, into and from Ohio airports.

• Requires the Commission also to study what role, if any, the awarding of incentives to commercial passenger airline and air freight companies should have in achieving the goal specified above.

• Requires the Commission to submit its first report, including its findings and recommendations, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives not later than March 31, 2016.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The Commercial Airline and Air Freight Commission

Appointment of the Commission

The bill creates the Commercial Airline and Air Freight Commission, consisting of the following members:

(1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, not more than two of whom may be members of the same political party;

(2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, not more than two of whom may be members of the same political party; and

(3) A member nominated by each passenger airline company and each air freight company that does business in Ohio, all of whom must be appointed by the Governor.[1]

The members appointed by the Governor must be Ohio residents, and the Governor is required to make all initial appointments to the Commission not later than July 1, 2015. Those members serve terms ending June 30, 2017. Thereafter, members appointed by the Governor serve two-year terms commencing July 1 and ending June 30.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must make their initial appointments to the Commission not later than July 1, 2015. Those members serve on the Commission for the remainder of the General Assembly during which the Senator or Representative is appointed. Thereafter, the members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives serve a term of the remainder of the General Assembly during which the Senator or Representative is appointed.

The bill includes additional procedures governing member vacancies, the removal of members, the appointment of a chairperson and vice-chairperson, and reappointment of members.[2]

The bill requires the Commission to study the policies that are needed to achieve the goal of sustaining and expanding commercial passenger airline and air freight service, including international service, into and from Ohio airports. The Commission also must study what role, if any, the awarding of incentives to commercial passenger airline and air freight companies should have in achieving that goal. The Commission is required to submit its first report, including its findings and recommendations, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives not later than March 31, 2016. Thereafter, the Commission is required to meet at the call of the chairperson and submit updated reports on the policies described in this paragraph at such times as determined necessary by the Commission chairperson. All

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[1] R.C. 4561.61(A)(1) to (3).

[2] R.C. 4561.61(B).

updated reports must be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.[3]

HISTORY

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[3] R.C. 4561.61(C).