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**A BILL**

To establish a Regional Economic Development 1  
Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits 2  
and challenges involved in creating regional 3  
economic development alliances. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) There is hereby created the Regional 5  
Economic Development Alliance Study Committee. The Committee 6  
shall consist of the following members: 7

(1) Three members of the House of Representatives, not 8  
more than two of whom are members of the same party, appointed 9  
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 10

(2) Three members of the Senate, not more than two of whom 11  
are members of the same party, appointed by the President of the 12  
Senate; 13

(3) The Governor, or the Governor's designee; 14

(4) Two representatives from academia engaged in relevant 15

fields of study, appointed by the co-chairpersons of the 16  
Committee; 17

(5) Two individuals who are economic development 18  
professionals, appointed by the co-chairpersons of the 19  
Committee; 20

(6) The chairperson of the Regional Prosperity Initiative, 21  
or the chairperson's designee, as a nonvoting, ex officio 22  
member. 23

Members of the Committee shall be appointed not later than 24  
thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any 25  
vacancies that occur on the Committee shall be filled in the 26  
same manner as the original appointment. 27

The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the 28  
President of the Senate shall each appoint one member of the 29  
Committee to serve as a co-chairperson of the Committee. The 30  
Committee shall hold its initial meeting as soon as practicable 31  
after the last member of the Committee is appointed. All 32  
subsequent meetings shall be held at the call of the co- 33  
chairpersons. 34

(B) The Committee shall study the features, benefits, and 35  
challenges involved in establishing regional economic 36  
development alliances that would enhance collaboration for 37  
successful regional economic development efforts, allow for the 38  
sharing of services, and permit the mobilization of necessary 39  
resources among alliance members. The Committee shall also 40  
examine the ways in which such alliances would address the needs 41  
of regions throughout the state. 42

In completing its study, the Committee shall consult with 43  
various resource groups, including county commissioners, 44

township trustees, mayors, city council members, members of 45  
statewide and regional organizations that represent political 46  
subdivisions, and members of chambers of commerce. 47

(C) Not later than one year after the effective date of 48  
this section, the Committee shall submit a report of its 49  
findings and conclusions to the Governor, the Speaker of the 50  
House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. The 51  
Committee ceases to exist upon the submission of its report. 52