As Reported by the House State and Local Government Committee

132nd General Assembly

Regular Session 2017-2018

Sub. S. B. No. 144

Senator Burke

Cosponsors: Senators Yuko, Coley, Bacon, Beagle, Eklund, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Tavares, Terhar, Wilson Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Carfagna, Perales

A BILL

Го	amend sections 742.05, 3304.22, 4141.04, and	1
	4765.04, to enact new sections 3304.12, 3304.13,	2
	and 3304.14, and to repeal sections 3303.41,	3
	3304.12, 3304.13, 3304.14, and 3304.25 of the	4
	Revised Code to abolish the Opportunities for	5
	Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer	6
	Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on	7
	People with Disabilities; to establish a state	8
	rehabilitation services council known as the	9
	Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities	10
	Council; and to restore staggered terms of	11
	office for the employee members representing	12
	firefighters on the board of trustees of the	13
	Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.	1 4

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

Section 1. That sections 742.05, 3304.22, 4141.04, and	15
4765.04 be amended and new sections 3304.12, 3304.13, and	16
3304.14 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	17

Sec. 742.05. (A) Any vacancy occurring in the term of a	18
member of the board of trustees of the Ohio police and fire	19
pension fund who is the fiscal officer of a municipal	20
corporation shall be filled by appointment by the governor for	21
the unexpired term of such member.	22
(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, if	23
a vacancy occurs in the term of an employee or retirant member	24
of the board, all the remaining members of the board shall elect	25
a successor employee or retirant member. On certification of the	26
election results in accordance with rules adopted under section	27
742.045 of the Revised Code, the successor member shall hold	28
office until the first day of the new term that follows the next	29
board election that occurs not less than ninety days after the	30
successor member's election, or until the end of the term for	31
which the successor member was elected, whichever is sooner;	32
except that, the successor employee member representing	33
firefighters who was elected to the board under this section on	34
March 6, 2014, shall hold office until June 1, 2020,	35
notwithstanding sections 742.03 and 742.04 of the Revised Code.	36
Elections under this section to fill a vacancy on the	37
board shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted under	38
section 742.045 of the Revised Code.	39
If a member of the board who is the fiscal officer of a	40
municipal corporation ceases to be a fiscal officer of a	41
municipal corporation, a vacancy shall exist.	42
If an employee member of the board ceases to be a member	43
of the fund, a vacancy shall exist.	44
If as a result of changed circumstances a retirant member	45
no longer qualifies for membership on the board as a retirant	46

Sub. S. B. No. 144

As Reported by the House State and Local Government Committee

Sub. S. B. No. 144 As Reported by the House State and Local Government Committee	Page 4
As Reported by the House State and Local Government Sommittee	
advocates on behalf of individuals with physical, cognitive,	75
sensory, or mental disabilities;	76
(7) An individual who represents individuals with	77
disabilities who are unable to represent or have difficulty	78
representing themselves;	79
(8) An individual who has applied for or received	80
vocational rehabilitation services;	81
(9) An individual who represents institutions of secondary	82
or higher education;	83
(10) An individual from the governor's executive workforce	84
board established by section 6301.04 of the Revised Code;	85
(11) An individual from the department of education with	86
knowledge of and experience with the "Individuals with	87
Disabilities Education Act";	88
(12) An individual who represents the Ohio statewide	89
independent living council.	90
A majority of the members of the council shall be	91
individuals with disabilities who are not employed by the	92
opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency.	93
The executive director of the opportunities for Ohioans	94
with disabilities agency shall serve as a nonvoting member of	95
the council. If a member of the council is an employee of the	96
opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency, then that	97
member also shall serve as a nonvoting member of the council.	98
(B)(1) All council members shall be appointed by the	99
governor. The governor shall make initial appointments to the	100
council not later than sixty days after the effective date of	101
this section. Of the initial appointments, five shall be for	102

terms of three years, five for terms of two years, and five for	103
terms of one year. Thereafter, terms shall be three years.	104
(2) When a term expires or a vacancy occurs before a term	105
expires, a successor member shall be appointed. A member	106
appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of a	107
term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold	108
office for the remainder of that term.	109
(3) Except for the member described in division (A)(2) of	110
this section and the executive director of the opportunities for	111
Ohioans with disabilities agency, no person shall serve more	112
than two consecutive terms on the council. Terms shall be	113
considered consecutive unless they are separated by a period of	114
three or more years. In determining a person's eligibility to	115
serve on the council under this division, both of the following	116
<pre>shall apply:</pre>	117
(a) Time spent on the council while serving the remainder	118
of an unexpired term to which another person was first appointed	119
shall not be considered, provided that a period of at least	120
three years passed between the time, if any, in which the person	121
previously served on the council and the time the person is	122
appointed to fulfill the unexpired term.	123
(b) A person who is appointed to serve on the council at	124
the beginning of a term and resigns before completing that term	125
shall be considered to have served the full term.	126
(C) Each member of the council shall serve without	127
compensation, except to the extent that serving on the council	128
is considered part of the member's regular duties of employment.	129
Each member shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in	130
the performance of the member's official duties, including	131

Sub. S. B. No. 144 As Reported by the House State and Local Government Committee	
expenses for travel and personal assistance services.	132
Sec. 3304.13. The opportunities for Ohioans with	133
disabilities council shall hold its first meeting at the call of	134
the governor. Regular meetings shall be held not less than four	135
times a year. Special meetings may be held with the approval of	136
the governor. Eight members constitute a quorum.	137
The council, by a majority vote, shall select one of its	138
members to serve as its chairperson. The member selected shall	139
serve as chairperson for one year, unless removed earlier by a	140
majority vote of the council.	141
The council shall establish standards for the conduct of	142
council business.	143
A council member who has a conflict of interest on a	144
matter before the council shall not participate in council	145
discussions and votes on the matter.	146
Sec. 3304.14. (A) The opportunities for Ohioans with	147
disabilities council, in collaboration with the governor's	148
office of workforce transformation, shall do all of the	149
<pre>following:</pre>	150
(1) Examine all of the following related to the state	151
vocational rehabilitation program:	152
(a) The process for determining eligibility, including the	153
order of selection;	154
(b) The extent, scope, and effectiveness of services	155
<pre>provided;</pre>	156
(c) The impact of state agency actions on the ability of	157
individuals with disabilities to achieve employment outcomes	158
through the program.	159

(2) Advise the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities	160
agency regarding the examination described in division (A)(1) of	161
this section;	162
(3) In partnership with the opportunities for Ohioans with	163
disabilities agency and as required by 34 C.F.R. 361.29(c),	164
identify, develop, agree, and review state goals and priorities	165
relating to the vocational rehabilitation services portion of	166
the unified or combined state plan submitted in accordance with	167
the "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014," 29	168
<u>U.S.C. 3102;</u>	169
(4) In partnership with the opportunities for Ohioans with	170
disabilities agency and as required by 34 C.F.R. 361.29(e),	171
evaluate the effectiveness of the vocational rehabilitation	172
program and prepare and submit to the United States secretary of	173
education an annual report on the progress made in improving the	174
program's effectiveness as part of the unified or combined state	175
plan;	176
(5) Advise the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities	177
agency regarding vocational rehabilitation program activities;	178
(6) Assist the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities	179
agency in the preparation of the vocational rehabilitation	180
services portion of the unified or combined state plan, any	181
amendments to the plan, and any reports, needs assessments, or	182
evaluations required as part of the plan;	183
(7) To the extent feasible, evaluate the satisfaction that	184
individuals with disabilities served by the vocational	185
rehabilitation program have with and the effectiveness of the	186
following:	187
(a) The duties performed or services provided by the	188

(8) Not later than ninety days after the end of each

federal fiscal year, prepare and submit to the governor and the

United States secretary of education a report concerning the

status of vocational rehabilitation programs available within

the state and make the report available to the public through

appropriate means;

203

204

205

206

207

208

209

210

211

212

213

214

(9) Coordinate efforts with other entities to increase the number of individuals receiving vocational rehabilitation services, including the following: the Ohio statewide independent living council; the advisory panel established under section 3323.06 of the Revised Code; the Ohio developmental disabilities council created by section 5123.35 of the Revised Code; the entity serving as this state's state mental health planning council, as described in the "Public Health Services Act," 42 U.S.C. 300x-3; the governor's executive workforce board established by section 6301.04 of the Revised Code; and the entities performing activities under the "Assistive Technology Act of 1998," 29 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.;

(10) Engage in efforts to improve coordination and
215
establish relationships between the opportunities for Ohioans
with disabilities agency, the Ohio statewide independent living
217

council, and the centers for independent living;	218
(11) Perform any other functions consistent with the	219
purposes of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 701, and	220
the duties of the council.	221
(B) The opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency	222
shall assist the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities	223
council in performing its duties and shall collaborate with the	224
council in developing a resource plan in compliance with federal	225
law.	226
Sec. 3304.22. No officer or employee of the opportunities	227
for Ohioans with disabilities-commission council, the	228
opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency, or any	229
person engaged in the administration of a vocational	230
rehabilitation services program sponsored by or affiliated with	231
the state shall use or permit the use of any vocational	232
rehabilitation services program for the purpose of interfering	233
with an election for any partisan political purpose; solicit or	234
receive money for a partisan political purpose; or require any	235
other person to contribute any service or money for a partisan	236
political purpose. Whoever violates this section shall be	237
removed from the officer's or employee's office or employment.	238
Sec. 4141.04. The director of job and family services	239
shall maintain or ensure the existence of public employment	240
offices that are free to the general public. These offices shall	241
exist in such number and in such places as are necessary for the	242
proper administration of this chapter, to perform such duties as	243
are within the purview of the act of congress entitled "an act	244
to provide for the establishment of a national employment system	245
and for cooperation with the states in the promotion of such	246
system, and for other purposes," approved June 6, 1933, as	247

amended, which is known as the "Wagner-Peyser Act." The director 248 shall cooperate with any official or agency of the United States 249 having powers or duties under that act of congress and shall do 250 and perform all things necessary to secure to this state the 251 benefits of that act of congress in the promotion and 252 maintenance of a system of public employment offices. That act 253 of congress is hereby accepted by this state, in conformity with 254 that act of congress and Title III of the "Social Security Act," 255 and the "Federal Unemployment Tax Act," 26 U.S.C.A. 3301, as 256 amended, and this state will observe and comply with the 257 requirements thereof. The department of job and family services 258 is hereby designated and constituted the agency of this state 259 for the purposes of that act of congress. 260

The director may cooperate with or enter into agreements 261 with the railroad retirement board with respect to the 262 establishment, maintenance, and use of employment service 263 facilities that are free to the general public. 264

All moneys received by this state under the act of 265 congress known as the Wagner-Peyser Act shall be deposited into 266 the state treasury to the credit of the special employment 267 service account in the federal operating fund, which is hereby 268 created. Those moneys are hereby made available to the director 269 to be expended as provided by this section and by that act of 270 congress. For the purpose of establishing and maintaining public 271 272 employment offices that are free to the general public, the director may enter into agreements with the railroad retirement 273 board or any other agency of the United States charged with the 274 administration of an unemployment compensation law, with any 275 political subdivision of this state, or with any private, 276 nonprofit organization and as a part of any such agreement the 277 director may accept moneys, services, or quarters as a 278 contribution to the employment service account.

this chapter.

279

282

The director shall maintain labor market information	and	280
employment statistics as necessary for the administration	of	281

The director shall appoint an employee of the department

to serve as an ex officio member of the governor's council to

maintain a liaison between the department and the governor's

council on people with disabilities.

Sec. 4765.04. (A) The firefighter and fire safety 287 inspector training committee of the state board of emergency 288 medical, fire, and transportation services is hereby created and 289 shall consist of the members of the board who are chiefs of fire 290 departments, and the members of the board who are emergency 291 medical technicians-basic, emergency medical technicians-292 intermediate, and emergency medical technicians-paramedic 293 294 appointed from among persons nominated by the Ohio association of professional fire fighters or the northern Ohio fire fighters 295 and from among persons nominated by the Ohio state firefighter's 296 association. Each member of the committee, except the 297 chairperson, may designate a person with fire experience to 298 serve in that member's place. The members of the committee or 299 their designees shall select a chairperson from among the 300 members or their designees. 301

The committee may conduct investigations in the course of

discharging its duties under this chapter. In the course of an

investigation, the committee may issue subpoenas. If a person

subpoenaed fails to comply with the subpoena, the committee may

authorize its chairperson to apply to the court of common pleas

in the county where the person to be subpoenaed resides for an

order compelling compliance in the same manner as compliance

302

association;

337

with a subpoena issued by the court is compelled.	309
(B) The trauma committee of the state board of emergency	310
medical, fire, and transportation services is hereby created and	311
shall consist of the following members appointed by the director	312
of public safety:	313
(1) A physician who is certified by the American board of	314
surgery or American osteopathic board of surgery and actively	315
practices general trauma surgery, appointed from among three	316
persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of	317
surgeons, three persons nominated by the Ohio state medical	318
association, and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic	319
association;	320
(2) A physician who is certified by the American board of	321
surgery or the American osteopathic board of surgery and	322
actively practices orthopedic trauma surgery, appointed from	323
among three persons nominated by the Ohio orthopedic society and	324
three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;	325
(3) A physician who is certified by the American board of	326
neurological surgeons or the American osteopathic board of	327
surgery and actively practices neurosurgery on trauma victims,	328
appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio state	329
neurological society and three persons nominated by the Ohio	330
osteopathic association;	331
(4) A physician who is certified by the American board of	332
surgeons or American osteopathic board of surgeons and actively	333
specializes in treating burn victims, appointed from among three	334
persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of	335
surgeons and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic	336

(5) A dentist who is certified by the American board of	338
oral and maxillofacial surgery and actively practices oral and	339
maxillofacial surgery, appointed from among three persons	340
nominated by the Ohio dental association;	341
(6) A physician who is certified by the American board of	342
physical medicine and rehabilitation or American osteopathic	343
board of physical medicine and rehabilitation medicine and	344
actively provides rehabilitative care to trauma victims,	345
appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio society	346
of physical medicine and rehabilitation and three persons	347
nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association;	348
(7) A physician who is certified by the American board of	349
surgery or American osteopathic board of surgery with special	350
qualifications in pediatric surgery and actively practices	351
pediatric trauma surgery, appointed from among three persons	352
nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American academy of	353
pediatrics and three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic	354
association;	355
(8) A physician who is certified by the American board of	356
emergency medicine or American osteopathic board of emergency	357
medicine, actively practices emergency medicine, and is actively	358
involved in emergency medical services, appointed from among	359
three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American	360
college of emergency physicians and three persons nominated by	361
the Ohio osteopathic association;	362
(9) A physician who is certified by the American board of	363
pediatrics, American osteopathic board of pediatrics, or	364
American board of emergency medicine, or American osteopathic	365
board of emergency medicine, is sub-boarded in pediatric	366
emergency medicine, actively practices pediatric emergency	367

medicine, and is actively involved in emergency medical	368
services, appointed from among three persons nominated by the	369
Ohio chapter of the American academy of pediatrics, three	370
persons nominated by the Ohio chapter of the American college of	371
emergency physicians, and three persons nominated by the Ohio	372
osteopathic association;	373
(10) A physician who is certified by the American board of	374
surgery, American osteopathic board of surgery, or American	375
board of emergency medicine, or American osteopathic board of	376
<pre>emergency medicine and is the chief medical officer of an air</pre>	377
medical organization, appointed from among three persons	378
nominated by the Ohio association of air medical services;	379
(11) A coroner or medical examiner appointed from among	380
three people nominated by the Ohio state coroners' association;	381
(12) A registered nurse who actively practices trauma	382
nursing at an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from	383
among three persons nominated by the Ohio association of trauma	384
nurse coordinators;	385
(13) A registered nurse who actively practices emergency	386
nursing and is actively involved in emergency medical services,	387
appointed from among three persons nominated by the Ohio chapter	388
of the emergency nurses' association;	389
(14) The chief trauma registrar of an adult or pediatric	390
trauma center, appointed from among three persons nominated by	391
the alliance of Ohio trauma registrars;	392
(15) The administrator of an adult or pediatric trauma	393
center, appointed from among three persons nominated by OHA: the	394
Ohio hospital association for hospitals and health systems,	395
three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association,	396

council on people with disabilities;

425

(21) A physician or nurse who has substantial	426
administrative responsibility for trauma care provided in or by	427
an adult or pediatric trauma center, appointed from among three	428
persons nominated by OHA: the <u>Ohio hospital</u> association—for—	429
hospitals and health systems, three persons nominated by the	430
Ohio osteopathic association, three persons nominated by the	431
association of Ohio children's hospitals, and three persons	432
nominated by the health forum of Ohio;	433

(22) Three representatives of hospitals that are not 434 435 trauma centers and actively provide emergency care to trauma patients, appointed from among three persons nominated by OHA: 436 the Ohio hospital association for hospitals and health systems, 437 three persons nominated by the Ohio osteopathic association, 438 three persons nominated by the association of Ohio children's 439 hospitals, and three persons nominated by the health forum of 440 Ohio. The representatives may be hospital administrators, 441 physicians, nurses, or other clinical professionals. 442

Members of the committee shall have substantial experience 443 in the categories they represent, shall be residents of this 444 state, and may be members of the state board of emergency 445 446 medical, fire, and transportation services. In appointing members of the committee, the director shall attempt to include 447 members representing urban and rural areas, various geographical 448 areas of the state, and various schools of training. The 449 director shall not appoint to the committee more than one member 450 who is employed by or practices at the same hospital, health 451 system, or emergency medical service organization. 452

The director may refuse to appoint any of the persons 453 nominated by an organization or organizations under this 454 division. In that event, the organization or organizations shall 455

continue to nominate	the required number of persons until the	456
director appoints to	the committee one or more of the persons	457
nominated by the orga	nization or organizations.	458

Initial appointments to the committee shall be made by the 459 director not later than ninety days after November 3, 2000. 460 Members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the 461 director, except that any member of the committee who ceases to 462 be qualified for the position to which the member was appointed 463 shall cease to be a member of the committee. Vacancies on the 464 committee shall be filled in the same manner as original 465 466 appointments.

The members of the committee shall serve without 467 compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary 468 expenses incurred in carrying out duties as members of the 469 committee. 470

The committee shall select a chairperson and vice-471 chairperson from among its members. A majority of all members of 472 the committee shall constitute a quorum. No action shall be 473 taken without the concurrence of a majority of all members of 474 the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the 475 chair, upon written request of five members of the committee, 476 and at the direction of the state board of emergency medical, 477 fire, and transportation services. The committee shall not meet 478 at times or locations that conflict with meetings of the board. 479 The executive director and medical director of the state board 480 of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services may 481 participate in any meeting of the committee and shall do so at 482 the request of the committee. 483

The committee shall advise and assist the state board of 484 emergency medical, fire, and transportation services in matters 485

related to adult and pediatric trauma care and the establishment 486 and operation of the state trauma registry. In matters relating 487 to the state trauma registry, the board and the committee shall 488 consult with trauma registrars from adult and pediatric trauma 489 centers in the state. The committee may appoint a subcommittee 490 to advise and assist with the trauma registry. The subcommittee 491 492 may include persons with expertise relevant to the trauma registry who are not members of the board or committee. 493

494 (C)(1) The medical transportation committee of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services is 495 hereby created. The committee shall consist of members appointed 496 by the board in accordance with rules adopted by the board. In 497 appointing members of the committee, the board shall attempt to 498 include members representing urban and rural areas and various 499 geographical areas of the state, and shall ensure the members 500 have substantial experience in the transportation of patients, 501 including addressing the unique issues of mobile intensive care 502 and air medical services. The members of the committee shall be 503 residents of this state and may be members of the board. The 504 members of the committee shall serve without compensation but 505 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred 506 in carrying out duties as members of the committee. The 507 committee shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from 508 among its members. A majority of all members of the committee 509 shall constitute a quorum. No action shall be taken without the 510 concurrence of a majority of all members of the committee. The 511 committee shall meet at the call of the chair and at the 512 direction of the board. The committee shall not meet at times or 513 locations that conflict with meetings of the board. The 514 committee shall advise and assist the board in matters related 515 to the licensing of nonemergency medical service, emergency 516

medical service, and air medical service organizations in this	517
state.	518
(2) There is hereby created the critical care subcommittee	519
of the medical transportation committee. The membership of the	520
subcommittee and the conduct of the subcommittee's business	521
shall conform to rules adopted by the board. The subcommittee	522
shall advise and assist the committee and board in matters	523
relating to mobile intensive care and air medical service	524
organizations in this state.	525
(D) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and	526
transportation services may appoint other committees and	527
subcommittees as it considers necessary.	528
(E) The state board of emergency medical, fire, and	529
transportation services, and any of its committees or	530
subcommittees, may request assistance from any state agency. The	531
board and its committees and subcommittees may permit persons	532
who are not members of those bodies to participate in	533
deliberations of those bodies, but no person who is not a member	534
of the board shall vote on the board and no person who is not a	535
member of a committee created under division (A), (B), or (C) of	536
this section shall vote on that committee.	537
(F) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not	538
apply to the committees established under divisions (A), (B),	539
and (C) of this section.	540
Section 2. That existing sections 742.05, 3304.22,	541
4141.04, and 4765.04 and sections 3303.41, 3304.12, 3304.13,	542
3304.14, and 3304.25 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	543
Section 3. Notwithstanding the repeal by this act of	544
sections 3304.12, 3304.13, and 3304.14 of the Revised Code, the	545

Sub. S. B. No. 144	
As Reported by the House State and Local Government Committee	

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission that	546
existed prior to the effective date of this act shall continue	547
to perform its duties, as provided in those sections, until the	548
Governor's appointment of all of the initial members of the	549
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council created by	550
this act. In addition to those members, each member of the	551
former Commission shall serve on the Council created by this act	552
for the remaining period of the member's term, unless earlier	553
removed by the Governor for good cause. While serving on the	554
Council, each member of the former Commission shall be	555
reimbursed for travel and necessary expenses incurred in the	556
conduct of the member's duties and shall receive an amount fixed	557
pursuant to division (J) of section 124.15 of the Revised Code	558
while actually engaged in attendance at meetings or the	559
performance of those duties. A member of the former Commission	560
shall not be reappointed to the Council.	561