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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Jarrells and M. Miller

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates the 17-member Ohio Sports Commission to advance the promotion and development of sports tourism in Ohio. Among its responsibilities is making policy recommendations for state and local government and studying the creation of a grant program to develop Ohio's sports economy.
- The bill creates the Ohio Sports Commission Fund in the state treasury, consisting of cash transfers to it, as well as gifts, grants, and donations. It allows any money in the fund to be used to defray costs incurred by commission members associated with their duties. The bill does not contain an appropriation.

Detailed Analysis

The Ohio Sports Commission created by the bill consists of 17 appointed members. Of the 17 members, four are members of the General Assembly (two from the Senate, two from the House), 11 are appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, and the final two are the Governor and the Director of Development or their designees. Members of the Commission would not be compensated but would be entitled to reimbursement for necessary and actual costs related to their duties. The Department of Development is required to provide office space and meeting areas for the Commission, and thus may incur some small costs for doing so.

The bill requires the Commission to meet and hold hearings throughout the state on the promotion and development of sports tourism in Ohio. Its duties include (1) making policy recommendations for the General Assembly, Governor, and local governments, and (2) studying the creation of a grant program to support emerging sports economies. The bill also requires the Commission to submit a report of its activities, including findings and recommendations, to the Governor, Senate President, and House Speaker six months after the bill's effective date.

The bill creates the Ohio Sports Commission Fund in the state treasury, consisting of cash transfers to it, as well as gifts, grants, and donations. The bill specifies the fund is to be used to defray costs incurred by the Ohio Sports Commission in fulfilling its duties under the bill. However, the bill does not contain an appropriation.