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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In Senate Workforce Development

Primary Sponsors: Reps. T. Mathews and Santucci

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates a Defense and Aerospace Industries Expansion Program under the Department of Development to make grants promoting those industries.
- All nine members of the Ohio Defense and Space Advisory Commission created by the bill to advise the grant program and conduct other activities would be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses related to their work.
- The bill appropriates \$5.0 million in FY 2027 under GRF appropriation line item 195462, Defense & Aerospace Industries, to support this grant program and advisory commission.

Detailed Analysis

The bill establishes the Defense and Aerospace Industries Expansion Program to be overseen by the Department of Development (DEV) and advised by a nine-member Ohio Defense and Space Advisory Commission. To support this grant program and advisory commission, the bill appropriates \$5.0 million in FY 2027 under GRF appropriation line item 195462, Defense & Aerospace Industries.

Grants

The grants would be awarded to entities that support economic development related to the defense and aerospace industries. Under the bill, any grant funds not expended or obligated pursuant to the development grant agreement must be returned to DEV. If DEV determines that a grantee has violated any terms of the grant agreement, it may require the grantee to return any and all grant funds. Also as a condition of grant funding, a grantee may be required to undergo an audit of the project administration and implementation.

Ohio Defense and Space Advisory Commission

The Ohio Defense and Space Advisory Commission created by the bill consists of nine appointed members. Under the bill, the appointees would not be compensated, but would be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses related to their duties. Consequently, the state would bear some small costs to cover these reimbursements.