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SUMMARY

- Establishes the Frontier Technologies and Quantum Computing Commission, as a temporary Commission, to study the rapid development of frontier technologies with significant economic, ethical, and security implications for Ohio.
- Requires the Commission to prepare and deliver a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly not later than December 31, 2026.
- Requires the Legislative Service Commission, upon request, to provide support to the Commission.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Frontier Technologies and Quantum Computing Commission

The bill establishes the Frontier Technologies and Quantum Computing Commission tasked with studying the rapid development of frontier technologies with significant economic, ethical, and security implications for Ohio, including artificial intelligence and agentic systems, biotechnology, quantum computing, and robotics.

Commission membership

The Commission must consist of the following nine members:

- Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom must be designated by the Speaker to serve as the chair of the Commission, two of whom must be from the majority party, and one of whom must be from the minority party;
- Three members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President, one of whom must be designated by the President to serve as the vice-chair of the Commission, two of whom must be from the majority party and one of whom must be from the minority party;

- Three individuals with technical expertise, to represent industry stakeholders, appointed by the Governor.¹

Meetings

The Commission meets at the call of the chair, and at a frequency established by the chair, to discuss relevant technological developments and to receive invited testimony from experts.

Report and shutdown

The Commission must prepare and deliver a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly not later than December 31, 2026. The Commission ceases to exist upon completion of the report.²

Expenses

Commission members are not entitled to compensation for service on the Commission except to the extent that serving as a member coincides with the individual's regular duties of employment, and except for the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties on the Commission.³

Support services

The Legislative Service Commission must, upon request, provide support services to the Frontier Technologies and Quantum Computing Commission.⁴

HISTORY

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¹ Section 1(A) of the bill.

² Section 1(C) of the bill.

³ Section 1(D) of the bill.

⁴ Section 1(B) of the bill.