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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- Establishes the Frontier Technologies and Quantum 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 Commission

The bill establishes the Frontier Technologies and Quantum 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 developments, and robotics. The primary objectives of the Commission must be to do all of the following:

1. Determine the necessity for a permanent statewide commission to study and address issues related to frontier technologies;
2. Examine the economic and workforce impact of frontier technologies;
3. Examine security and infrastructure resilience;

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Technology and Innovation Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

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4. Consider ethical standards for responsible development and use of frontier technologies.¹

Commission membership

The Commission must consist of the following eight members:

- Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, three of whom must be from the majority party, and one of whom must be from the minority party;
- Four members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President, three of whom must be from the majority party and one of whom must be from the minority party.

The Speaker of the House and the Senate President are required to consult with the Minority Leader of the House or Senate, as appropriate, regarding the appointment of a member of the minority party.

Commission co-chairpersons

The Speaker of the House and the Senate President each must designate one member from the three majority party appointees to serve as co-chairpersons of the Commission.²

Meetings

The Commission meets at the call of the co-chairpersons, and at a frequency established by the co-chairpersons, 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.³

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.⁴

¹ Section 1(A) of the bill.

² Section 1(B) of the bill.

³ Section 1(D) of the bill.

⁴ Section 1(D) of the bill.

Support services

The Legislative Service Commission must, upon request, provide support services to the Frontier Technologies and Quantum Commission.⁵

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	01-20-26
Reported, H. Technology and Innovation	03-04-26
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⁵ Section 1(B) of the bill.