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SUMMARY

- Creates a 15-member Artificial Intelligence Study Commission to:
  - Review current state and local government approaches to oversight and regulation of artificial intelligence;
  - Issue a report of its findings, including a review of state and local government use of artificial intelligence in Ohio, and recommendations for a comprehensive regulatory framework regarding the use of artificial intelligence in Ohio.
- Specifies that the report must be issued no later than December 31, 2028, to the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
- Terminates the Commission on January 1, 2029.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Artificial Intelligence Study Commission

Creation, duties, report

The bill creates the Artificial Intelligence Study Commission to do all of the following:

- Review current state and local government approaches to oversight and regulation of artificial intelligence;
- Not later than December 31, 2028, issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, including both of the following:
  - A review of state and local government use of artificial intelligence in Ohio;

- Recommendations for a comprehensive regulatory framework regarding the use of artificial intelligence in Ohio.[1]

Commission membership

The Commission's membership consists of the following persons:

- The State Chief Information Officer, who must serve as the Commission's co-chair;
- The Director of Commerce, who must serve as the other co-chair;
- Six members appointed by the Governor consisting of the following:
  - One member from the private sector with significant experience in the development or application of artificial intelligence technologies;
  - One member with expertise in energy or other critical infrastructure systems;
  - One member from institutions of higher education with demonstrated expertise in artificial intelligence;
  - One member from a local workforce development board;
  - One member representing the interests of consumers;
  - One member from local government.
- Four members of the General Assembly consisting of the following:
  - Two members from the majority party appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.
  - Two members from the minority party appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and Minority Leader of the Senate.
- One member from the Department of Public Safety appointed by the Director of Public Safety.
- One member from the K-12 education community appointed by the Director of Education and Workforce.
- One member from the Department of Agriculture appointed by the Director of Agriculture.

The bill provides that all Commission members are voting members. Each appointed member also serves at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority. The appointing authorities must make their appointments before the Commission's first meeting. Further, any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Commission members also must serve without compensation.[2]

[1] Division (A).

[2] Divisions (C) and (D).

Technical and administrative support

The staff of the House of Representatives, the Senate, Department of Administrative Services, and the Department of Commerce are required to provide technical and administrative support as needed by the Commission.[3]

Meetings

The first Commission meeting must occur at the call of the Governor, not later than January 30, 2027. All subsequent meetings of the Commission must be held at the call of the co-chairpersons. The Commission is required to meet on a quarterly basis, or more often, at the discretion of the co-chairpersons.[4]

Hearings

The Commission may hold hearings regarding legislation pending in the House of Representatives and the Senate and provide recommendations to the members of each chamber.[5]

Commission termination

The Commission terminates January 1, 2029.[6]

HISTORY

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[3] Division (F).

[4] Division (E).

[5] Division (B).

[6] Division (G).