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SUMMARY

- Creates the Statewide Youth Council for the purpose of advising the Governor and the General Assembly on legislation and issues that affect youth in Ohio.
- Requires the Governor to appoint the Council's 20 members, who must be students between the ages of 14 and 18 at Ohio schools.
- Requires an employee of the Governor to serve as the Council's nonvoting chairperson.
- Requires the Council to submit annual reports to the Governor and the General Assembly with recommendations for policies to address issues that affect youth in Ohio.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Statewide Youth Council

The bill creates the Statewide Youth Council in the Office of the Governor for the purpose of advising the Governor and the General Assembly on legislation and issues that affect youth in Ohio.¹

Organization

The Council consists of 20 members between the ages of 14 and 18 who are students at schools in Ohio. The Governor must create an online application process and accept applications through July 1 of each year, when the Governor must appoint the members of the Council. Members are to serve a term of two school years, except that in the first year of the Council's operation, the Governor must appoint ten of the members to serve an initial term of one school year.

¹ R.C. 107.38(A).

If a seat on the Council becomes vacant, the Governor is responsible for appointing a replacement from among the most recent applicants. A seat becomes vacant automatically if the member graduates from high school or withdraws from school.

The Governor must appoint an employee of the Governor’s office to serve as the nonvoting chairperson of the Council. A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a quorum, and a majority vote of the participating members is necessary to advance a policy or approve an action. The Open Meetings Law applies to the Council, and the Council may hold virtual meetings in the same manner as other public bodies under that law.

Members must serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary and actual expenses in service of the Council, if the chairperson has approved expenses in advance.²

Duties

The bill requires the Council to meet at least twice per month at the call of the chairperson. Not later than March 1 of each year, the Council must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly with recommendations for policies to address issues that affect youth in Ohio. The Council also may participate in legislative advocacy through lobbying the General Assembly and may seek public engagement and input with the goal of shaping public policy and recommending legislation to address issues that affect youth in Ohio.³

HISTORY

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² R.C. 107.38(D) through (G). See also R.C. 121.22 and 121.221, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 107.38(B), (C), and (E).