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Senator Blackshear

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, DeMora, Craig

To enact section 107.38 of the Revised Code to
establish the Statewide Youth Council in the
Office of the Governor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 107.38 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 107.38. (A) The statewide youth council is
established in the office of the governor. The council shall
advise the governor and the general assembly on legislation and
issues that affect youth in the state.

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(B) The council shall annually, not later than the first
day of March, submit to the governor, and to the general
assembly under section 101.68 of the Revised Code,
recommendations for policies to address issues that affect youth
in the state.

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(C) The council may do both or either of the following:

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(1) Participate in legislative advocacy through lobbying
the general assembly;

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(2) Seek public engagement and input with the goal of

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shaping public policy and recommending legislation to address 19
issues that affect youth in the state. 20

(D) (1) The council shall consist of twenty residents of 21
this state who attend a school in this state, who are appointed 22
by the governor. A student who wishes to serve on the council 23
may submit an application to the office of the governor. The 24
governor shall create an application form and make the form 25
available on the internet web site of the office of the 26
governor. Applications shall be submitted in a manner prescribed 27
by the governor. Appointments to serve on the council shall be 28
made by the first day of July before the start of the school 29
year. 30

(2) A student who will be at least fourteen years of age, 31
but not more than eighteen years of age, upon the start of the 32
upcoming school year may apply for a seat on the statewide youth 33
council. 34

(3) Not later than the first day of July following the 35
effective date of this section, the governor shall appoint ten 36
applicants to serve on the statewide youth council for a term of 37
one school year and ten applicants to serve on the council for a 38
term of two school years. Thereafter, annually, not later than 39
the first day of July, the governor shall select ten applicants 40
to serve a term of two school years. If a seat on the council is 41
vacated, the governor shall appoint a replacement to serve the 42
remainder of the term from among the most recent applicants. A 43
seat on the council is automatically vacated upon the seat 44
holder's withdrawal from school or graduation from high school. 45

(E) The governor shall select an employee of the office of 46
the governor to serve as chairperson of the council, who shall 47
serve in a nonvoting capacity with respect to matters before the 48

council. The council shall meet at least twice per month at the 49
call of the chairperson. The council is a public body under 50
section 121.221 of the Revised Code and may hold, and members 51
may attend, meetings by means of video conference or any other 52
similar electronic technology in accordance with that section. 53

(F) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a 54
quorum, and a majority vote of the participating members is 55
necessary to advance a policy or approve an action to be 56
undertaken by the council. 57

(G) Members of the council are not entitled to 58
compensation for service on the council but may be compensated 59
for necessary and actual expenses in service of the council, 60
provided that the chairperson of the council has approved 61
expenses in advance. 62