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SUMMARY

- Establishes that a school board member on active duty in the armed forces is not absent from a school board meeting if the member attends the meeting remotely.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

School district board of education absences

The bill creates an exception for a member of a school district board of education whose active-duty service in the U.S. armed forces or the Ohio National Guard prevents the member from attending a meeting of a school board in person. Under continuing law, a member of a public body generally must be present in person to be considered present at a meeting of the body, and repeated or ongoing absences by a school board member can lead to the forfeiture of that member's office.¹

The bill establishes that a school board member is not to be considered absent from a meeting if the member is deployed on active duty service and attends the meeting via teleconference, video conference, or other similar remote method.²

The bill defines "active duty" to mean full-time duty in the armed forces of the United States or Ohio National Guard, including full-time or annual training duty and, for members of the National Guard, active state duty.³

¹ See R.C. 121.22(C), not in the bill; R.C. 3.17 and 3313.11.

² R.C. 3313.111.

³ R.C. 3313.111(A)(1).

HISTORY

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