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A BILL

To establish a Regional Economic Development	1
Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits	2
and challenges involved in creating regional	3
economic development alliances.	4

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

Section 1. (A) There is hereby created the Regional	5
Economic Development Alliance Study Committee. The Committee	6
shall consist of the following members:	7
(1) Three members of the House of Representatives, not	8
more than two of whom are members of the same party, appointed	9
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;	10
(2) Three members of the Senate, not more than two of whom	11
are members of the same party, appointed by the President of the	12
Senate;	13
(3) The Governor, or the Governor's designee;	14
(4) Two representatives from academia engaged in relevant	15
fields of study, appointed by the co-chairpersons of the	16
Committee;	17

(5) Two individuals who are economic development	18
professionals, appointed by the co-chairpersons of the	19
Committee;	20
(6) The chairperson of the Regional Prosperity Initiative,	21
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or the chairperson's designee, as a nonvoting, ex officio	
member.	23
Members of the Committee shall be appointed not later than	24
thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any	25
vacancies that occur on the Committee shall be filled in the	26
same manner as the original appointment.	27
The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the	28
President of the Senate shall each appoint one member of the	20
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Committee to serve as a co-chairperson of the Committee. The	30
Committee shall hold its initial meeting as soon as practicable	31
after the last member of the Committee is appointed. All	32
subsequent meetings shall be held at the call of the co-	33
chairpersons.	34
(B) The Committee shall study the features, benefits, and	35
challenges involved in establishing regional economic	36
development alliances that would enhance collaboration for	37
successful regional economic development efforts, allow for the	38
sharing of services, and permit the mobilization of necessary	39
resources among alliance members. The Committee shall also	40
examine the ways in which such alliances would address the needs	41
of regions throughout the state.	42

In completing its study, the Committee shall consult with 43 various resource groups, including county commissioners, 44 township trustees, mayors, city council members, members of 45 statewide and regional organizations that represent political 46

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subdivisions, and members of chambers of commerce.47(C) Not later than one year after the effective date of48this section, the Committee shall submit a report of its49

findings and conclusions to the Governor, the Speaker of the50House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. The51Committee ceases to exist upon the submission of its report.52