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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Permits judge advocates, with authorization from the Adjutant General, to provide legal assistance to certain individuals.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Background

Under current law, the Adjutant General must appoint a State Judge Advocate, judge advocates, and legal officers, all of whom must be officers of the Ohio National Guard (ONG) and in good standing of the Ohio Bar Association. These individuals have responsibilities with respect to the administration of military justice.<sup>1</sup>

#### Legal assistance

Under the bill, the Adjutant General may authorize a judge advocate to provide legal assistance to certain individuals. And the Adjutant General may specify matters upon which legal assistance may be provided and may limit services subject to the availability of a judge advocate. Individuals eligible under the bill to receive legal assistance include any of the following:

1. A law enforcement officer;<sup>2</sup>
2. A full-time employee of the state who may be called upon to support an Ohio emergency management agency response to a disaster;
3. A person commissioned or enlisted in the Ohio Military Reserve;

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5924.06, not in the bill.

<sup>2</sup> Law enforcement officer as defined in R.C. 2901.01.

4. The spouse, surviving spouse, dependent parent, minor child, or ward of a person listed in (1) to (3).<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5913.012.