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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- Limits the types of flags that a state agency may display on its grounds or in its buildings.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Flag display on state buildings and grounds

The bill limits the types of flags that a state agency or any entity that manages the grounds or buildings under the control of a state agency may display on the agency's grounds or in its buildings. Under current law, only the following flags may be displayed on a state agency's grounds or in its buildings:

1. The official state flag;
2. The U.S. flag;
3. The POW/MIA flag; and
4. Any flag that is approved by the Governor.

However, these restrictions do not apply to the Ohio Statehouse or its grounds.

The bill limits (4), above, by specifying that the flag *must contain the official logo of a state agency* in addition to being approved by the Governor or the Governor's designee.¹

Background

The provisions that regulate flag displays on state buildings and grounds were enacted in the 136th General Assembly's Main Operating Budget, H.B. 96. The As Enrolled version of that bill, prior to the Governor's vetoes, contained the flag display limitation that this bill proposes.

¹ R.C. 123.30.

However, the Governor partially vetoed the provision in such a manner that removed the words “containing the official logo of a state agency.” Thus, current law allows *any* flag to be displayed on state agency grounds and in its buildings so long as it is approved by the Governor.

HISTORY

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Introduced	11-18-25
