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Highlights

- The bill abolishes 16 state entities per the recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee. State agencies that provide administrative support to these entities will likely have a small reduction in costs as a result.
- The bill modifies the framework for review of state entities subject to the Sunset Review Law by requiring a portion of those entities to be reviewed in each General Assembly rather than only during odd-numbered General Assemblies. While no long-term fiscal effects are likely, a portion of the administrative costs to support the Sunset Review Committee may be shifted from odd-numbered General Assemblies to even-numbered ones.
- The bill allows the Judicial Conference of Ohio to distribute judicial impact statements electronically. This likely would result in a small reduction in expenses paid from the GRF.

Detailed Analysis

Sunset Review Committee

The bill implements the recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee by abolishing, renewing, or modifying various state entities that are subject to the review of the Committee, a nine-member body established to periodically evaluate these entities. In this fiscal analysis, the entities that are abolished are presented in a table that lists the entities, the agencies that provide administrative support to them, their legal authority and operating status, and the form of compensation provided to their members.

The bill abolishes 16 entities outright, all of which have been funded without a specific appropriation or a formal budget. Expenses incurred by these entities are likely accounted for within the budgets of the state agencies chiefly responsible for providing them with support.

These expenses can include reimbursements of expenses or per--diem compensation for members serving on these bodies. Generally, the result of abolishing the active entities is some small savings in the various state funds that are used to support them. The active entities are highlighted in bold in the table below.

Entities Abolished Under Sunset Review Process in S.B. 331				
Entity Name	Agency	Legal Authority	Status	Compensation
Assisted Living Program Workgroup	Department of Aging	Section 209.61, H.B. 49 of the 132 nd General Assembly	Inactive	None
Criminal Sentencing Advisory Committee	Supreme Court of Ohio	R.C. 181.22	Active	Expenses only
English Language Arts Academic Standards Review Committee	Department of Education	R.C. 3301.079(I)(1)(a)	Reports completed Fall 2016	Not specified
Grace Commission	House of Representatives	Section 701.05, H.B. 64 of the 131 st General Assembly	Inactive	Not specified
Maternity and Newborn Advisory Council	Department of Health	R.C. 3711.20	Active	Expenses only
Mathematics Academic Standards Review Committee	Department of Education	R.C. 3301.079(I)(1)(b)	Reports completed Fall 2016	Not specified
Municipal Income Tax Net Operating Loss Review Committee	Unspecified	R.C. 718.60	Inactive	None
Ohio Healthier Buckeye Advisory Council	Department of Job and Family Services	R.C. 5101.91	Inactive	Expenses only
Ohio Military Facilities Commission	Ohio Adjutant General	R.C. 5913.12	Inactive	Not specified
Committee on Prescriptive Governance	Board of Nursing	R.C. 4723.49	Active	Not specified
Science Academic Standards Review Committee	Department of Education	R.C. 3301.079(I)(1)(c)	Reports completed Fall 2016	Not specified

Entities Abolished Under Sunset Review Process in S.B. 331				
Entity Name	Agency	Legal Authority	Status	Compensation
Social Studies Academic Standards Review Committee	Department of Education	R.C. 3301.079(I)(1)(d)	Reports completed Fall 2016	Not specified
Undergraduate Mission Study Committee	Unspecified	Section 3, H.B. 66 of the 132 nd General Assembly	Inactive	Not specified
Joint Select Committee on Volume Cap	Development Services Agency	R.C. 133.021	Inactive	Not specified
Ohio Water Advisory Council	Department of Natural Resources	R.C. 1521.031	Inactive	Expenses only
Workgroup to Study the Feasibility of Medicaid Recipients' ID and Benefits Cards	Department of Public Safety	Section 751.30, H.B. 64 of the 131 st General Assembly	Inactive	Not specified

The bill also renews 150 entities overall, with 23 being renewed until December 31, 2022, and 126 being renewed until December 31, 2024. The remaining entity, the Ohio Family Stability Commission, is renewed by the bill but is set to expire March 31, 2021, pursuant to its enabling legislation. Please see the LSC bill analysis for a complete list of agencies renewed by the bill.

Provisions with minimal fiscal effect

The bill makes two changes that may result in a small reduction in savings from the GRF under budgets of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Ohio Judicial Conference (JCO). First the bill establishes a framework by which one-half of all entities subject to Sunset Review Law would be reviewed by the Sunset Review Committee in each General Assembly rather than all of those entities being reviewed during the odd-numbered General Assemblies as under current law. Although this change is not likely to have any long-term fiscal effect, it may result in a portion of the administrative costs, including expense reimbursements to Committee members, being shifted from odd-numbered General Assemblies to even-numbered General Assemblies. The bill also allows JCO to distribute judicial impact statements in an electronic format, which may result in a small reduction in costs. Under continuing law, JCO prepares judicial impact statements to brief designated members of the General Assembly when a bill or resolution appears to have an impact on the revenues or expenditures of Ohio courts.