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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Creates the Ohio Cold War Victory Medal to be distributed by the Director of Veterans Services to eligible applicants.
- Creates the Ohio Cold War Victory Medal Fund, which consists of application fees, appropriations, and investment earnings.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Ohio Cold War Victory Medal

The bill requires the Director of Veterans Services to establish a program for the distribution of Ohio Cold War Victory Medals to eligible applicants.<sup>1</sup> An applicant must be given the medal if the applicant was a member of the Ohio National Guard for at least 18 months from September 2, 1945, to December 26, 1991, was an Ohio resident while enlisted, and was not discharged dishonorably.<sup>2</sup> The Adjutant General must design the medal to resemble equivalent medals in other states and veterans' organizations; Louisiana and Texas offer the medal to their National Guard members while Alaska offers a ribbon.<sup>3</sup>

The Director of Veterans Services must prescribe an application form to be used and must collect an application fee in an amount not greater than the cost of producing the medal.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5902.02(HH).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5902.09(A) and 5919.21(A).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5919.21(A). It appears only Texas has a statutory provision regarding the medal. Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 437.355.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5902.09(A).

If an equivalent federal medal becomes available, the Director will no longer issue medals.<sup>5</sup> Currently, a federal medal is not available but there has been recent legislation in Congress to create one.<sup>6</sup>

Finally, the bill creates the Ohio Cold War Victory Medal Fund, which consists of application fees, appropriations, and investment earnings; the fund is used to pay for the medals to be produced.<sup>7</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>5</sup> R.C. 5902.09(B).

<sup>6</sup> See the Cold War Service Medal Act, H.R. 5757, of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 5919.21(B).