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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Manning

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates the Ohio Ireland Trade Commission, consisting of nine members who will not be compensated, but provided reimbursements for actual expenses to be paid from a new Ohio Ireland Trade Commission Fund, as funding allows. There may be some minor additional expenses for the Commission to prepare an annual report of its findings and recommendations.
- The Ohio Ireland Trade Commission Fund created by the bill is permitted to collect any funds raised by the Commission, as well as any grants, gifts, or bequests.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the Ohio Ireland Trade Commission, which is required to study certain economic and policy issues and potential business and academic exchanges. Within 15 months after the bill takes effect and annually thereafter, the Commission is to file a report of its activities, findings, and recommendations. Details pertaining to the composition, procedures, and activities of the Commission can be found in the [LSC bill analysis](#). The Commission consists of nine members, who are not compensated, but are permitted to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of available funds.

The bill allows the Commission to raise funds through direct solicitation or other fundraising events. It may also accept gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, governmental agencies, and public and private organizations. Any such fundraising and donations are required to be deposited into a newly created Ohio Ireland Trade Commission Fund to be used by the Department of Commerce.