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SUMMARY

Deputy apiarists

- Allows a board of county commissioners to appoint multiple deputy apiarists, rather than only one as under current law.

Day and week designations

- Designates multiple special days and weeks.
- Entitles the act as the "Agriculture Appreciation Act."

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Deputy apiarists

The bill allows a board of county commissioners to appoint multiple deputy apiarists (beekeepers). Current law only allows a board to appoint a single deputy apiarist. A deputy apiarist works under the direction of the Director of Agriculture and is responsible for enforcing the Apiary Law in the county in which the deputy apiarist is appointed.¹

Day and week designations

The bill designates the following:

- March 21 of each year as "Agriculture Day";

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 909.07.

- The week beginning on the Saturday before the last Saturday of each February through the last Saturday in February as “FFA Week”;
- October 12 of each year as “Farmer’s Day”;
- The week ending with the second Saturday of March as “4-H Week”;
- The second full week of November as “Ohio Soil Health Week.”

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HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-01-23
Reported, H. Agriculture	05-16-23
Passed House (83-0)	10-11-23
Reported, S. Agriculture & Natural Resources	--

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² R.C. 5.2410, 5.2411, 5.2412, 5.2413, and 5.268; Section 2.