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Highlights

- The bill abolishes 32 state entities in accordance with the recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee. State agencies that provide administrative support to these entities will likely see a minimal reduction in costs as a result.
- The bill requires the Director of Health to prepare an annual report summarizing the activities of the Ohio Violent Death Reporting System each year that the Department of Health receives sufficient federal funding to do so.
- The bill abolishes the Ohio Medical Quality Foundation as a statutory entity on January 1, 2026, and requires the Foundation to transfer all unencumbered funds into the Medical Quality Assurance Fund, a custodial fund, by April 1, 2025. Any of the Foundation's remaining contractual duties in effect on January 1, 2026, will be assumed by the Treasurer of State.

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 categorically by area of focus, 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 32 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 used to support these boards and commissions.

Entities Abolished Under Sunset Review Process				
Entity Name	Agency	Legal Authority	Status	Compensation
Health and Human Services				
Child Care Advisory Council	Department of Job and Family Services	R.C. 5104.08	Active	Expenses Only
Advisory Group on Violent Deaths	Department of Health	R.C. 3701.932	Active	Not Specified
Health Reinsurance Program, Board of Directors	Unspecified	R.C. 3924.08	Inactive	Not Specified
Infant Hearing Screening Committee	Unspecified	R.C. 3701.507	Active	Not Specified
Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures	Unspecified	Section 737.70 of H.B. 166 of the 133 rd G.A.	Active	Not Specified
Ohio Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network Stakeholder Group	Unspecified	Section 1 of H.B. 12 of the 133 rd G.A.	Active	Not Specified
Performance Indicators for Children's Hospitals Study Committee	Department of Medicaid	Section 333.67 of H.B. 166 of the 133 rd G.A.	Active	Not Specified
Public Assistance Benefits Accountability Task Force	Unspecified	Section 307.300 of H.B. 110 of the 134 th G.A.	Inactive	No Compensation
Supervisory Investigative Panel of the State Dental Board	State Dental Board	R.C. 4715.032	Active	State Agency Employees
Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council	Department of Job and Family Services	R.C. 4141.08	Active	Expenses Only, \$50 per day

Entities Abolished Under Sunset Review Process				
Entity Name	Agency	Legal Authority	Status	Compensation
Unemployment Compensation Modernization Improvement Council	Unspecified	R.C. 4141.12	Inactive	No Compensation
General Government				
Agricultural Commodity Marketing Programs, Coordinating Committee	Department of Agriculture	R.C. 924.14	Active	Not Specified
Electrical Safety Inspector Advisory Committee	Department of Commerce	R.C. 3783.08	Active	Expenses Only
Federally Subsidized Housing Study Committee	Unspecified	Section 757.70 of H.B. 110 of the 134 th G.A.	Inactive	No Compensation
Fireworks Rules, Committee to Assist the State Fire Marshal	Department of Commerce	R.C. 3743.53	Inactive	Not Specified
Governor's Residence Advisory Committee	Department of Administrative Services	R.C. 107.40	Active	Expenses Only
Hemp Marketing Program Operating Committee	Department of Agriculture	R.C. 924.212	Active	Expenses Only
Law Enforcement Training Funding Study Committee	Unspecified	Section 701.70 of H.B. 110 of the 134 th G.A.	Inactive	No Compensation
Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee	Unspecified	R.C. 122.98	Active	Not Specified
Ohio Business Gateway Steering Committee	Department of Taxation	R.C. 5703.57	Active	Expenses Only
Ohio Fire Code Rule Recommendation Committee	Unspecified	R.C. 3743.67	Active	Not Specified

Entities Abolished Under Sunset Review Process				
Entity Name	Agency	Legal Authority	Status	Compensation
Private Investigation and Security Services Commission	Department of Public Safety	R.C. 4749.021	Active	Expenses Only
Select Committee on Sports Gaming and Problem Gambling	Unspecified	Section 6 of H.B. 29 of the 134 th G.A.	Inactive	No Compensation
Study on the Future of Gaming in Ohio	Unspecified	Section 5 of H.B. 29 of the 134 th G.A.	Active	Expenses Only
Education and Workforce				
Engineering Experiment Station Advisory Committee	Ohio State University	R.C. 3335.27	Active	State Agency Employees
Joint Legislative Study Committee Regarding Career Pathways and Post-Secondary Workforce Training	Department of Higher Education	Section 733.30 of H.B. 110 of the 134 th G.A.	Inactive	Not Specified
Joint Legislative Task Force to Examine Transportation of Community School and Nonpublic School Students	Department of Higher Education	Section 733.30 of H.B. 110 of the 134 th G.A.	Inactive	Not Specified
Land Use Advisory Committee to the President of Ohio University	Ohio University	R.C. 3337.16	Active	Not Specified
Ohio Physician and Allied Healthcare Workforce Preparation Task Force	Unspecified	Section 381.610 of H.B. 166 of the 133 rd G.A.	Active	Not Specified
State Report Card Study Committee	Unspecified	Section 265.10 of H.B. 166 of the 133 rd G.A.	Active	Not Specified

Entities Abolished Under Sunset Review Process				
Entity Name	Agency	Legal Authority	Status	Compensation
Study Committee Regarding Students Retaking Grade 12	Unspecified	Section 733.51 of H.B. 166 of the 133 rd G.A.	Active	Not Specified
Task Force to Evaluate Current Operational Structures and Procedures at Wright State University's Lake Campus	Unspecified	Section 381.630 of H.B. 110 of the 134 th G.A.	Inactive	Not Specified

Provisions with minimal fiscal impact

Early Childhood Advisory Council

The bill abolishes the Child Care Advisory Council (CCAC) and requires the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) to assume the former's responsibilities. These responsibilities include advising the Director of Children and Youth (DCY) on matters affecting the licensing of centers, type A and B homes, and the certification of in-home aides and creating an annual report that addresses the availability, affordability, accessibility, and quality of child care. The transfer of these responsibilities would result in a transfer in administrative costs from CCAC to ECAC. CCAC has 22 members who receive reimbursements for travel and other necessary expenses. ECAC currently has 32 members. However, the Revised Code does not specify whether ECAC members receive reimbursements or not. If ECAC members receive reimbursements, costs could go up if additional meetings are necessary to address these new responsibilities. However, if ECAC members do not receive reimbursements, then reimbursement costs would be eliminated.

State Dental Board

The bill abolishes the Supervisory Investigative Panel of the State Dental Board. However, the abolition is in name only. The two members of the panel, the Secretary and Vice-Secretary, will retain the same supervisory responsibilities currently held. There will likely be no fiscal effect due to this change.

The bill also requires the State Dental Board to elect a vice-president from amongst its members. This appears to codify current practice, so would have no fiscal effect.

Ohio Violent Death Reporting System

The bill abolishes the Department of Health's Advisory Group on Violent Death. Under continuing law, the Ohio Violent Death Reporting System must monitor the incidence and causes of various types of violent death, make epidemiologic studies, analyze trends and patterns, and recommend actions to relevant entities to prevent violent deaths. The bill requires the Director to prepare an annual report summarizing the activities of the reporting system each year that the Department receives sufficient federal funding to administer the reporting system.

Agencies with purpose related to federal law

The bill continues specified agencies that are deemed to have a purpose related to federal law. It exempts them from future review and automatic expiration under the Sunset Review Law. However, if federal law is modified to eliminate the purpose or necessity of these agencies, the chairperson of the agency must notify, in writing, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Governor. These entities may see a reduction in administrative costs if they do not have to provide information to the committee overseeing the Sunset Review Law. Any reduction would be minimal at most.

Ohio Medical Quality Foundation

The bill retains the Ohio Medical Quality Foundation until December 31, 2025. The bill then abolishes the Foundation as a statutory entity on January 1, 2026. By April 1, 2025, the Foundation must transfer all unencumbered funds to a custodial fund controlled by the Treasurer of State. The bill expressly permits these funds to be used for the same types of programs that the Foundation previously funded, including confidential monitoring programs for impaired practitioners licensed by the State Medical Board. All contractual duties of the Foundation as specified in the bill that remain in effect on January 1, 2026, must be assumed by the Treasurer of State from that date forward.

Board of Voting Machine Examiners

The bill renames the Board of Voting Machine Examiners as the Board of Voting Systems Examiners and adds a cybersecurity expert to the Board as a nonvoting member. Because board members are reimbursed for expenses, the addition of this member may result in some minimal additional costs to the Board, which would be paid from the Board of Voting Machine Examiners Fund (Fund 4S80).

Provisions with no fiscal impact

The bill contains certain provisions that have no apparent fiscal impact. First, the bill renames the Environmental Education Council as the Environmental Education Fund Advisory Council. Next, the bill abolishes the Board of Directors of the Ohio Health Reinsurance Program and repeals the associated programs, all of which have been under suspension since 2014 following the enactment of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). Finally, the bill specifies that the two boards overseeing the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund boards (one board oversees private employers and the other public employers) are exempt from future review and automatic expiration under the Sunset Review Law.