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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

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House Veterans and Military Development

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (I_136_0264-2, Pending in committee)	Latest Version (I_136_0264-8)
<b>Ohio Defense and Space Commission membership</b>	
Establishes the Ohio Defense Commission to consist of the following members:	Changes the name of the Commission to the Ohio Defense and Space Commission and makes the following change to its membership:
The Adjutant General, to serve ex officio as a nonvoting member;	Same as I_136_0264-2;
One member from the office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor, to serve as a nonvoting member;	Same as I_136_0264-2;
The Chief Investment Officer of JobsOhio, to serve as a nonvoting member;	Same as I_136_0264-2;
One member of the Ohio congressional delegation, to serve as a nonvoting member;	No provision;
One member to represent the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the Governor, to serve as a nonvoting member;	Same as I_136_0264-2;

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<p>Three members of the Senate, two appointed by the Senate President and one appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;</p> <p>Three members of the House of Representatives, two appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the House Minority Leader.</p> <p>Seven individuals to represent various regions of Ohio, appointed as follows:</p> <p>The members of the General Assembly, who are members of the Commission, must, by vote, appoint seven individuals to the Commission to respectively represent each of the seven unique regions of Ohio as identified by JobsOhio. Other members of the Commission must recommend individuals qualified to represent the regions (<i>R.C. 122.98(C) and (D)</i>).</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President, two of the majority party and one of the minority party. The President must consult with the Minority Leader regarding the appointment of a member of the minority party;</p> <p>Three members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, two of the majority party and one of the minority party. The Speaker of the House of Representatives must consult with the House Minority Leader regarding the appointment of a member of the minority party.</p> <p>Seven individuals to represent various regions of Ohio, appointed as follows:</p> <p>Seven individuals must be appointed to the Commission to respectively represent each of the seven unique regions of Ohio as identified by JobsOhio. The Senate President and Speaker of the House each must appoint three of these individuals. The Director of Development must appoint one of these individuals. The appointing authorities must draw lots, before each appointing cycle, to determine the regions for which each must make an appointment.</p> <p>One member to represent the biotechnology sector, appointed by the Governor, to serve as a nonvoting member (<i>R.C. 122.952(C) and (D)</i>).</p>
<b>Chairperson</b>	
<p>Establishes that the chairperson is selected by the members of the Commission (<i>R.C. 122.98(G)</i>).</p>	<p>Instead establishes that the Speaker of the House and Senate President each must select a member of the Commission, who is a member of their respective chamber of the General Assembly, to serve as co-chairpersons (<i>R.C. 122.952(G)</i>).</p>
<b>Development grant rules</b>	
<p>Requires the Commission to adopt the following rules under the Administrative Procedure Act:</p>	<p>Same as I_136_0264-2.</p>

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An application form and procedures governing the process for applying to receive a grant under the defense industry expansion program;	Same as I_136_0264-2;
The maximum grant amount allowed under the program, and the maximum portion of the total estimated project cost that will be funded by the grant;	Same as I_136_0264-2;
No provision;	A requirement that a development grant agreement be executed between the Commission and a grant recipient, and the minimum requirements for an agreement;
No provision;	That an executive session of the Commission must comply with provisions of Open Meetings Law with respect to information considered confidential ( <i>R.C. 121.22(G)(8)(a) and 122.953(B)</i> );
No provision;	That a vote of the Commission on whether to award a grant to a specific applicant must occur in a session open to the public ( <i>R.C. 122.953(B)</i> );
Any other procedures, criteria, or grant terms that the Commission determines necessary to administer the program ( <i>R.C. 122.981(B)</i> ).	Same as I_136_0264-2.
<b>Grant requirements</b>	
No provision.	Specifies that grant funds must only be expended by the grantee to whom the grant was awarded, and all development grant funds must be expended or obligated by a grantee in accordance with the development grant agreement. Any development grant funds not expended or obligated pursuant to the grant agreement must be returned to the Commission. If the Commission determines that a grantee has violated any terms of the development grant agreement, the Commission may require the grantee to return any and all development grant funds.

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No provision.	Requires that a final report accounting for all development grant funds received by a grantee must be submitted to the Commission not later than 30 days after all development grant funds have been expended or obligated. All expenditures and disbursements of development grant funds by a grantee must be subject to generally accepted accounting principles. Any equipment purchased with development grant funds must be retained by the grantee and used in accordance with the terms of the grant award for the useful life of the equipment.
No provision.	Provides that at any time, the Commission may require that the grantee undergo an audit of the project administration and implementation. Within ten days after a request by the Commission, a grantee must supply original or verifiable copies of all receipts and other appropriate documentation related to disposition of the development grant funds and make available for onsite inspection by the Commission any and all records, books, documents and financial reports upon reasonable notice. The grantee must retain these materials in its offices for two years from the acceptance of the project final report.
No provision.	Specifies that failure to comply with any provision of the development grant agreement may be considered a misappropriation of funds and must be investigated by the Commission. A misappropriation or failure to properly administer grant funds must result in forfeiture of unexpended grant funds. The grantee must repay any funds determined by the Commission to have been inappropriately expended ( <i>R.C. 122.954</i> ).
Compensation	
Allows that private members of the Commission may be compensated at a rate determined by the Director of DAS ( <i>R.C. 122.98(E)</i> ).	Specifies that there is no compensation ( <i>R.C. 22.952(E)</i> ).

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<b>Duties of the Commission</b>	
<p>List the following duties of the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administering the defense industry expansion program;</li> <li>▪ Administering and approving the expenditure of money from the Ohio defense fund in compliance with the bill;</li> <li>▪ Studying and developing comprehensive strategies to promote the defense industry throughout the state;</li> <li>▪ Encouraging communication and resource-sharing among individuals and organizations involved in the defense industry, including business, the military, and academia;</li> <li>▪ Preparing the state for favorable outcomes related to federal military base realignment and closure processes;</li> <li>▪ Recruiting international businesses to invest in the state for defense industry purposes;</li> <li>▪ Promoting research, development, and manufacturing of technology to counter unmanned aerial vehicle systems in the state.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as I_136_0264-2;</li> <li>▪ Same as I_136_0264-2;</li> <li>▪ Same as I_136_0264-2, but adds aerospace industries;</li> <li>▪ Same as I_136_0264-2, but adds aerospace industries;</li> <li>▪ Same as I_136_0264-2;</li> <li>▪ Same as I_136_0264-2, but adds aerospace industries;</li> <li>▪ Same as I_136_0264-2.</li> </ul>
<b>Development grants</b>	
Considering policies intended to improve quality of life for service members and veterans.	Same as I_136_0264-2;
Authorizes the Commission to make grants to support economic development related to the defense industry ( <i>R.C. 122.981(A)</i> ).	Same as I_136_0264-2, except also authorizes grants to support economic development related to the aerospace industry ( <i>R.C. 122.953(A)</i> ).

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