OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Expands the bill's provisions to prohibit state agencies from entering into or renewing contracts with companies for certain supplies and services if the companies do not declare that they are not boycotting any jurisdiction with whom Ohio can enjoy open trade, including Israel, and will not do so during the contract period, as opposed to requiring companies contracting with Ohio to declare only that they are not boycotting Israel.

Exempts from the definition of "boycott:" (1) a decision based on business or economic reasons, or the specific conduct of a targeted person or entity, (2) a boycott against a public entity of a foreign state when the boycott is applied in a nondiscriminatory manner, and (3) conduct necessary to comply with applicable law in the business's home jurisdiction.

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^{*} This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.