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To create a study committee to explore alternative 1
funding mechanisms for Ohio's maritime ports. 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) There is hereby created the Maritime Port 3
Funding Study Committee. The committee shall consist of the 4
following nine members who shall be appointed not later than 5
thirty days after the effective date of this section: 6

(1) Two members of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member 7
of the majority party and one of whom shall be a member of the 8
minority party, both appointed by the President of the Senate; 9

(2) Two members of the House of Representatives, one of whom 10
shall be a member of the majority party and one of whom shall be a 11
member of the minority party, both appointed by the Speaker of the 12
House of Representatives; 13

(3) Five members appointed by the Governor, three of whom 14
shall represent maritime port interests, one each from Cincinnati, 15
Cleveland, and Toledo; one of whom shall be from the Ohio 16
Department of Transportation and be knowledgeable about maritime 17
ports; and one of whom shall be from JobsOhio. 18

(B) The Committee shall select a chairperson and 19
vice-chairperson from among its members. The Committee first shall 20

meet within one month after the effective date of this section at 21
the call of the Governor. Thereafter, the Committee shall meet at 22
the call of its chairperson as necessary to carry out its duties. 23
Members of the Committee are not entitled to compensation for 24
serving on the Committee, but may continue to receive the 25
compensation and benefits accruing from their regular offices or 26
employments. The Legislative Service Commission shall provide the 27
legislative members of the Committee with technical and clerical 28
staff as is necessary for those members to successfully and 29
efficiently fulfill their duties as committee members 30

(C) The committee shall study alternative funding mechanisms 31
for maritime ports in Ohio that may be utilized beginning in 32
fiscal year 2016-2017. Not later than January 1, 2015, the study 33
committee shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations 34
to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader 35
of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 36
the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. After 37
submitting the report, the study committee shall cease to exist. 38