



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Eliminates the requirement that a veteran be a resident of Ohio to qualify to receive the veterans preference on civil service examinations.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Civil service examination--veterans preference

(R.C. 124.23)

The Civil Service Law generally requires that classified employees be hired and promoted through examinations. An examination can include an evaluation of such factors as education, training, capacity, knowledge, manual dexterity, and physical or psychological fitness and can contain different, appropriate formats. Generally, all examinations must be public, within certain limitations to be determined by the Director of Administrative Services. The Director must give reasonable notice of every competitive examination for appointment to a civil service position.

Under current law, any person who has completed service in the uniformed services,¹ who has been honorably discharged from the uniformed services or

¹"Service in the uniformed services" means the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in a uniformed service under competent authority and includes: active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty, and a period for which a person is absent from a position of employment for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the person's employment for the purpose of performing certain funeral honors duty. "Uniformed services" means the Armed Forces, the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard when engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty training, or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps of the Public

transferred to the reserves with evidence of satisfactory service, and who is a resident of Ohio, and any member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces who has completed more than 180 days of active duty service pursuant to an executive order of the President or an act of the Congress, can file with the Director a certificate of service or honorable discharge, and, upon this filing, the person is entitled to additional credit of 20% of the person's total grade given in the regular examination in which the person receives a passing grade.

The bill maintains the veterans preference as detailed above, but eliminates the requirement that a veteran be a resident of Ohio to qualify to receive the veterans preference on civil service examinations.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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Health Service, and any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or national emergency. Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, 108 Stat. 3149, 38 U.S.C. 4303.

