

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 298 128th General Assembly (As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

 Creates the Special Task Force on Non-General Revenue Funds to evaluate funds in the state treasury from which transfers to the General Revenue Fund have been or may be made.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Special Task Force on Non-General Revenue Funds

The bill creates the Special Task Force on Non-General Revenue Funds in response to a finding that the transfer of cash from non-General Revenue Funds (non-GRF) in the state treasury to the General Revenue Fund (GRF) has become a routine practice. The bill also provides that the General Assembly finds that the state would benefit from a study of this practice with the goal of establishing criteria to govern such transfers and to ensure efficient administration of non-GRF funds. Details regarding the Task Force's duties, procedures, and membership may be found below.

Task Force Duties and Procedures

| Duties of Task Force | Evaluate funds in the state treasury from which transfers to the GRF have been or may be made |
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| Reporting duties | Final report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, House Minority Leader, Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, and Governor required by July 1, 2010 (see COMMENT below) |
| Compensation | No compensation |
| Reimbursement for expenses | Actual and necessary expenses |

| Appointment deadline | 30 days after bill's effective date | |
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| Filling of vacancies | In the same manner as original appointment | |
| First meeting deadline | No later than 60 days after last original appointment is made, at the summons of the Speaker of the House of Representatives | |
| Frequency of meetings | At least monthly | |
| Task Force leadership | Chairperson to be selected at first meeting | |
| Administrative or research assistance | Legislative Service Commission to provide research assistance on chairperson's request | |
| Termination of Task Force | Upon submission of final report | |

Task Force Membership

| Task Force Member | Appointment Authority | Voting Status |
|---|------------------------|---------------|
| Director of Budget and Management | Not applicable | Voting |
| Treasurer of State or designee | Not applicable | Voting |
| President of the Senate | Not applicable | Nonvoting |
| Speaker of the House of Representatives | Not applicable | Nonvoting |
| Senate Minority Leader | Not applicable | Nonvoting |
| House Minority Leader | Not applicable | Nonvoting |
| Member of House Finance Committee | Speaker | Voting |
| Member of Senate Finance Committee | Senate President | Voting |
| Member of House Majority Caucus staff | Speaker | Voting |
| Member of House Minority Caucus staff | House Minority Leader | Voting |
| Member of Senate Majority Caucus staff | Senate President | Voting |
| Member of Senate Minority Caucus staff | Senate Minority Leader | Voting |

COMMENT

The bill requires the Task Force on Non-General Revenue Funds to deliver a report to the leadership of the General Assembly and the Governor by July 1, 2010. The bill should be amended to modify the reporting deadline.

HISTORY

ACTION DATE

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