



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Increases the number of members of each board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD board) from seven to nine and alters the appointment process to account for the additional members.
 - Requires the new members of each MR/DD board to be individuals eligible to receive mental retardation and developmental disabilities services offered by the board.
 - Requires the appointment of the initial additional MR/DD board members within 90 days after the bill's effective date.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background--boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities

Each county must have a board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD board), in order to provide services to individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. The law speaks of single county boards and multi-county boards. Although the bill appears to retain the memberships of multi-county MR/DD boards at seven, it does not have this effect because, according to the Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, no counties have formed multi-county MR/DD boards and, in any event, the period for doing so expired on January 1, 2007.

Additional MR/DD board members

(R.C. 5126.028; Section 3)

Under current law, each MR/DD board must consist of seven members. The bill increases the number of members on each MR/DD board to nine and requires that the initial additional board members be appointed within 90 days after the bill's effective date.

Selection of members of each MR/DD board

(R.C. 5126.028 and 5126.029)

Under current law, the board of county commissioners appoints five of the seven members and the senior probate judge appoints the remaining two members of an MR/DD board. The bill requires the board of county commissioners and the senior probate judge to each appoint one additional MR/DD board member. The bill also provides that the board of county commissioners and the senior probate judge must each appoint to the MR/DD board one individual who is eligible to receive the MR/DD board's services.

HISTORY

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