



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by H. Agriculture and Natural Resources)

**Reps.** Carey and Gentile, Burke, Murray, Combs, Yuko, O'Brien, Milkovich, Stebelton, Balderson, Letson, Antonio, Hall, Buchy

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Water Access To Every Residence Task Force.
- Requires the Task Force to develop strategies for providing access to potable drinking water and issue a report to the General Assembly of its findings and recommendations.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Purpose and duties of Task Force

The bill creates the Water Access To Every Residence Task Force and requires it to identify residential communities and geographic areas of Ohio in which potable drinking water is not readily available. Also, the Task Force must develop strategies for providing access to potable drinking water, including strategies for financing drinking water projects.<sup>1</sup>

Not later than one year after the bill's effective date, the Task Force must issue a report to the General Assembly of its findings and recommendations regarding strategies for providing access to potable drinking water in Ohio. Upon submission of the report, the Task Force ceases to exist.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1(A) and (E).

<sup>2</sup> Section 1(F).

## Membership and appointment

The bill requires the Task Force to consist of the following 14 members:

- (1) A representative of the Department of Health;
- (2) The Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia who must be the chairperson;
- (3) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (4) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (5) A representative of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio appointed by the Association;
- (6) A representative of the Ohio Township Association appointed by the Association;
- (7) A representative of the Ohio Municipal League appointed by the League;
- (8) A representative of the Ohio Environmental Health Association appointed by the Association;
- (9) A representative of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation appointed by the Federation;
- (10) A representative of the Ohio Rural Water Association appointed by the Association;
- (11) A representative of the Ohio Small Communities Environmental Infrastructure Group appointed by the Governor;
- (12) A representative of the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program appointed by the Governor;
- (13) A representative of the Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts appointed by the Coalition; and
- (14) A representative of the Ohio Section of the American Water Works Association appointed by the Ohio Section.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Section 1(A).

Members of the Task Force must be appointed not later than 15 days after the bill's effective date. Not more than seven members can belong to the same political party. Members serve without compensation.<sup>4</sup>

The bill states that serving as a member of the Task Force does not constitute holding a public office or position of employment under Ohio laws and does not constitute grounds for removal of public officers or employees from their offices or positions of employment.<sup>5</sup>

## Operation

The Task Force must meet at least once each month. The bill requires the Department of Development to provide the Task Force with a meeting room and with necessary administrative assistance.<sup>6</sup>

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## HISTORY

| ACTION                                       | DATE     |
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| Introduced                                   | 02-23-11 |
| Reported, H. Agriculture & Natural Resources | 05-26-11 |

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<sup>4</sup> Section 1(B).

<sup>5</sup> Section 1(D).

<sup>6</sup> Section 1(C).

