



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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S.B. 291

130th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Sens. Manning and LaRose, Turner, Brown, Skindell

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Maritime Port Funding Study Committee to explore alternative funding mechanisms for Ohio's maritime ports.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Maritime Port Funding Study Committee

The bill creates a Maritime Port Funding Study Committee to explore alternative funding mechanisms for Ohio's maritime ports for the 2016 fiscal year and thereafter. The committee would be required to compile a report of its findings and submit the report to the Governor, the Senate, and the House of Representatives on or before January 1, 2015. After submitting the report, the committee would cease to exist.

The committee would be composed of nine members: two members from the Senate; two members from the House of Representatives; one member from JobsOhio; one member who represents the Department of Transportation and has knowledge of maritime ports; and three members representing maritime port interests, one each from Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Toledo. The bill requires that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives appoint the legislative members, and that the Governor appoint the other five members, within 30 days after the bill's effective date. Of the members representing the Senate and House of Representatives, one member from each chamber must be a member of the majority party and the other a member of the minority party.

The bill requires the committee to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. The bill also requires the Legislative Service Commission to provide technical and clerical assistance to the legislative members of the committee as

necessary. The members of the committee may not receive compensation for serving on the committee, but may continue to receive any compensation or benefits earned from their regular employment.¹

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-27-14

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¹ Section 1 of the bill.

