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Welcome to the website for the Ohio Federal Military Jobs Commission. The Legislation for the Commission was passed into law by the 130th General Assembly on September 14, 2014. Commissioners were then appointed by the House, Senate and Governor's Office. The Commissioners have been meeting monthly since November of 2014. The Commissioners delivered an interim report to the State in April 2015. A final report/strategy will be delivered to the State in late calendar year 2015.

Commissioners

By the Governor:

- Ms Martha Smith - Retired Senior Executive from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Cleveland
- Major General (retired) Greg Wayt - Former Adjutant General of the State of Ohio
- Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Robert Decker – Former 112th Fighter Squadron Commander, Ohio Air National Guard (Toledo)

By the Senate:

- Brigadier General Stephen Markovich – Assistant Director of the Ohio Air National Guard and Senior VP of Operations for Ohio Health
- Ms Bridget McDaniel - Executive Director The Richland Community Development Group
- Lieutenant General (retired) Loren Reno - Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, United States Air Force; then the Dean of Business School and now Vice President for Academics and Chief Academic Officer (Interim) at Cedarville University

By the House:

- Mr. Donald Campbell - Retired Senior Executive Director of NASA Glenn
- Mr. Gary O'Connell - Retired Senior Executive from the National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base
- Colonel (retired) Colleen Ryan - Former Installation Commander of Wright Patterson Air Force Base; Currently the President of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio

193.01 Legislative findings.

The general assembly finds that the presence and stability of federal-military installations and the associated private industry and higher education collaborations that occur within the state preserves existing jobs, creates new jobs and employment opportunities, improves the economic welfare of the people of the state, and materially contributes to regional economic stability in the area of their locations. Therefore, it is declared to be the public policy of the state to assist in and facilitate public or private partnerships that would aid in the retention and growth in the active federal and military missions and agencies located in the state.

Added by 130th General Assembly File No. TBD, HB 483, §101.01, eff. 9/15/2014.

193.03 Federal-military jobs commission.

(A) There is hereby created the federal-military jobs commission to develop and maintain an ongoing strategy for retention and growth of federal-military agencies and missions and associated private sector jobs in the state.

(B) The commission shall consist of the following members, none of whom may be an elected official of the state:

- (1) Three members appointed by the president of the senate;
- (2) Three members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (3) Three members appointed by the governor.

(C)

(1) Initial appointments to the commission shall be made not later than October 1, 2014. Members shall serve one-year terms.

(2) Members may be reappointed to the commission. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

(3) Members serve at the pleasure of, and may be removed for just cause by, the member's appointing authority.

(4) Qualifications for an individual's appointment to the commission may include, but are not limited to, any of the following service or employment experience:

- (a) Former service as a military officer;
- (b) Civilian service in an executive leadership position in a federal-military agency;
- (c) Experience as an executive in a related business or industry;
- (d) Employment in academia or higher education;
- (e) Experience in commercialization and privatization of research and technology.

(D) The first person appointed by the president of the senate shall schedule the first meeting of the commission. At the first meeting, the commission shall select a chairperson from among its members. After the first meeting, the commission shall meet at least once during each quarter at the call of the chairperson or upon the request of a majority of the commission's members. A majority of the commission constitutes a quorum, and no action shall be taken without the concurrence of a majority of the members.

(E) The adjutant general shall provide administrative assistance to the commission, including office space and facilities for the commission.

(F) The commission shall administer any money that may be appropriated to it by the general assembly.

(G) Commission members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of commission duties.

(H) The attorney general shall serve as the legal representative for the commission and may appoint special counsel as necessary for that purpose in accordance with section 109.07 of the Revised Code.

(I) The commission may employ professional, technical, and clerical employees as are necessary for the commission to be able to successfully and efficiently perform its duties. All such employees are in the unclassified service and serve at the commission's pleasure. The commission may contract for the services of persons who are qualified by education and experience to advise, consult with, or otherwise assist the commission in the performance of its duties.

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193.05 Purpose and duties.

(A) The federal-military jobs commission shall be responsible for the furtherance and implementation of federal-military installation jobs and any programs under this chapter. The federal-military jobs commission shall do the following:

- (1) Develop and recommend strategies that support and foster collaboration among local and regional entities to identify appropriate opportunities for the protection of existing federal-military facilities and the placement of additional federal-military facilities in the state;
- (2) For facilities located in the state, maintain a current listing of all facilities of the federal government, including military, national security, and national aeronautics and space administration facilities, Ohio national guard facilities, and related state and federal facilities, including their master plans;
- (3) Make recommendations, as appropriate, to prepare the state to effectively compete in future and ongoing federal budget reduction processes;
- (4) For the purpose of formulating strategies to secure the long-term viability, retention, and growth of military missions and facilities in the state, direct and review studies by experts that have utilized past base realignment and closure criteria and scoring to conduct a thorough and detailed analysis of the military value of the state's military installations, ranges, and airspace;
- (5) Review the scoring criteria from any previous federal defense base closure and realignment commission's processes to determine the following:
 - (a) The strengths and weaknesses of the state relative to competing installations and facilities, which shall include an analysis of military value 1-4 attributes, metrics and criteria such as airspace attributes, encroachment, air traffic control restrictions, area cost factors, and area weather;
 - (b) The opportunities for increasing the military value of federal-military operations in the state that still exist after a previous federal defense base closure and realignment commission process.
- (6) Provide an ongoing examination of federal agency construction, including construction for the military, for homeland security, and for the national aeronautics and space administration, and related operations budget requests relative to the infrastructure plans of federal-military agencies and facilities;
- (7) Access and review long-range military construction plans, associated costs, and timelines as made available by federal government agencies;
- (8) Recommend a public-private partnership for services specified by the commission that include, but are not limited to, energy services, internet connectivity, snow removal, fire service, waste management, library services, day care center services, security services, and services opportunities to lower the cost of operations at federal-military installations in the state;
- (9) Examine the roles and responsibilities of general aviation at airports located in the state and develop and recommend local and federal programs to assist the state's installations and facilities related to municipal airport agreements and the federal airport improvement program;
- (10) Review and develop joint base and infrastructure plans for improving proximity to training areas, consolidating training centers, and determining alternatives that may exist in current federal military construction programs for shared services and shared savings opportunities;
- (11) Evaluate plans for federal agencies and local communities that address excess capacity of buildings, developed land, and land available for development;
- (12) Evaluate enhanced use lease opportunities made available to federal-military entities in Ohio;

(13) Recommend to the general assembly future programs that may enhance the state's ability to compete for the retention and creation of job opportunities related to federal-military facilities and infrastructure in the state;

(14) In consultation with other state agencies, develop programs that utilize federal and higher education research initiatives to commercialize and privatize products to private sector companies in the state;

(15) Develop programs that create a statewide response to the federal initiatives that make contracts available to small businesses and veteran-owned Ohio businesses;

(16) Develop programs and initiatives to promote career awareness and readiness for, and job placement with, federal-military jobs and other private sector employer jobs in the state.

(B) The commission shall adopt internal rules and policies to implement any of the provisions of this chapter applicable to the commission.

(C) Except as otherwise prescribed in this chapter, all expenses incurred by the commission in carrying out the commission's powers and in exercising the commission's duties under this chapter, shall be payable solely from, as appropriate, moneys in the federal-military jobs fund. This chapter does not authorize the commission to incur bonded indebtedness of the state or any political subdivision thereof, or to obligate or pledge moneys raised by taxation for the payment of any guarantees made pursuant to this chapter.

(D) Government agencies of the state shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the commission and the controlling board in the exercise of their respective functions under this chapter.

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193.07 Federal-military jobs fund.

There is hereby created in the state treasury the federal-military jobs fund. The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to it by the general assembly.

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193.09 Report to the governor and legislature.

Not later than the first day of April in 2015, the federal-military jobs commission shall submit a report to the governor, the president and minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives that outlines the commission's activities for the preceding year, including findings and evaluations under divisions (A)(1) to (6) of section 193.05 of the Revised Code.

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