

As Introduced

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A BILL

To enact section 101.39 of the Revised Code to 1
establish the Legislative Youth Advisory Council 2
to examine and facilitate communication between 3
youth and the General Assembly regarding issues 4
of importance to youth. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 101.39 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 101.39. (A) The legislative youth advisory council is 8
hereby established to examine and facilitate communication 9
between youth and the general assembly regarding issues of 10
importance to youth, including education, employment, strategies 11
to increase youth participation in state and local government, 12
safe environments for youth, substance abuse, underage drinking, 13
emotional and physical health, poverty, litter and environmental 14
control, driver's licenses, and youth access to state and local 15
services. 16

(B)(1) The council shall consist of members appointed by 17
the governor's office of children's initiatives, or any other 18
executive office dealing with children's issues as determined by 19

the governor, as follows: 20

(a) Two members shall be appointed from each congressional 21
district, and four members shall be selected from the state at 22
large in a manner which reflects the diversity of the state to 23
the greatest extent practicable. 24

(b) Members shall be selected pursuant to an application 25
process described in division (B) (2) of this section and shall 26
possess the qualifications described in division (C) of this 27
section. 28

(c) The governor's office of children's initiatives, or 29
any other executive office dealing with children's issues as 30
determined by the governor, shall select members to the council 31
from among youth recommended by any of the following: 32

(i) A school administrator; 33

(ii) A teacher; 34

(iii) An individual that provides home instruction in 35
accordance with section 3321.04 of the Revised Code; 36

(iv) An adult representative of a school-sponsored club or 37
community organization which has a mission that supports the 38
ideals of character, leadership, and service, encourages mutual 39
respect and instills civic responsibility, builds courage and 40
confidence among young people through community participation, 41
or promotes the principles of representative democracy in an 42
effort to build stronger communities by increasing civic 43
engagement among youth. 44

(2) The application form and process for membership on the 45
council shall be developed and approved by the governor's office 46
of children's initiatives or any other executive office dealing 47

<u>with children's issues as determined by the governor.</u>	48
<u>(3) The following persons shall serve as advisors to the council:</u>	49
<u>(a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;</u>	51
<u>(b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;</u>	53
<u>(c) The chairperson of the governor's office of children's initiatives or any other executive office dealing with children's issues as determined by the governor;</u>	55
<u>(d) The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.</u>	58
<u>(C) Each member of the council shall be all of the following:</u>	60
<u>(1) A resident of this state;</u>	61
<u>(2) At least fourteen years old but not older than nineteen years old;</u>	62
<u>(3) Enrolled in ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade, or the equivalent, and attending either a public or nonpublic school or receiving home instruction under section 3321.04 of the Revised Code.</u>	63
<u>(D) Each member shall serve a term of one year and may be reappointed for a subsequent term, provided that the member continues to satisfy the requirements of division (C) of this section at the time of reappointment. However, no member of the council shall serve more than two consecutive terms.</u>	64
<u>(E) The council shall do all of the following:</u>	65
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(1) Identify the concerns and needs of youth, and advise 75
and make recommendations to members of the general assembly on 76
proposed or pending legislation and on policy matters related to 77
youth; 78

(2) Collect, analyze, and provide information to the 79
standing committees of the senate and the house of 80
representatives that deal with primary and secondary education 81
issues and any other legislative committees, commissions, and 82
task forces on issues related to youth; 83

(3) Participate in an annual seminar prior to the 84
beginning of the first day of instruction of each school year 85
for council members regarding leadership, government, and the 86
general assembly; 87

(4) Hold at least one public hearing each year for the 88
purpose of receiving youth comment on issues of importance to 89
youth and such other meetings at the call of the council chair; 90

(5) Submit, not later than the thirtieth day of June of 91
each year, a report of its activities, including any 92
recommendations for proposed legislation, to the governor, the 93
standing committees of the senate and the house of 94
representatives that deal with primary and secondary education 95
issues, and the governor's office of children's initiatives or 96
any other executive office dealing with children's issues as 97
determined by the governor. 98

(F) (1) (a) The chairperson of the governor's office of 99
children's initiatives, or any other executive office dealing 100
with children's issues as determined by the governor, shall call 101
the first meeting of the council after selection of members each 102
year. 103

(b) Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the 104
council each calendar year, including a president who shall 105
serve as chair, and a vice president, secretary, communications 106
officer, and historian. All officers shall be elected by the 107
members of the council and shall serve for a term of one year. 108
Any vacancy in an office shall be filled with an election by the 109
members of the council for the remainder of the unexpired term. 110

(2) Members of the council shall serve without 111
compensation, except each appointed legislator advisor shall 112
receive mileage at the rate established by the general assembly 113
when attending meetings of the council that are held on days 114
when other legislative meetings are not held. 115

(3) Meetings of the council shall be open to the public. 116

(4) The council shall set priorities and may establish any 117
committees as may be necessary in connection with the exercise 118
of its functions. 119

(5) Council members shall review and consider which 120
procedures and rules used by the general assembly may be 121
appropriate for use as models for the council. 122

(G) Other than the name of an applicant, information 123
contained in the application form of any person under eighteen 124
years old applying for membership on the council shall be 125
confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure. However, 126
the commission may use the information on application forms to 127
develop summary or statistical data which contains no personally 128
identifiable information. The summary or statistical data 129
containing no personally identifiable information shall be 130
subject to disclosure in the manner provided for public records 131
in section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 132