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A BILL

To establish a Regional Economic Development 1
Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits 2
and challenges involved in creating regional 3
economic development alliances. 4

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

Section 1. (A) There is hereby created the Regional 5
Economic Development Alliance Study Committee. The Committee 6
shall consist of the following members: 7

(1) Three members of the House of Representatives, not 8
more than two of whom are members of the same party, appointed 9
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 10

(2) Three members of the Senate, not more than two of whom 11
are members of the same party, appointed by the President of the 12
Senate; 13

(3) The Governor, or the Governor's designee; 14

(4) Two representatives from academia engaged in relevant 15
fields of study, appointed by the co-chairpersons of the 16
Committee; 17

(5) Two individuals who are economic development 18
professionals, appointed by the co-chairpersons of the 19
Committee; 20

(6) The chairperson of the Regional Prosperity Initiative, 21
or the chairperson's designee, as a nonvoting, ex officio 22
member. 23

Members of the Committee shall be appointed not later than 24
thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any 25
vacancies that occur on the Committee shall be filled in the 26
same manner as the original appointment. 27

The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the 28
President of the Senate shall each appoint one member of the 29
Committee to serve as a co-chairperson of the Committee. The 30
Committee shall hold its initial meeting as soon as practicable 31
after the last member of the Committee is appointed. All 32
subsequent meetings shall be held at the call of the co- 33
chairpersons. 34

(B) The Committee shall study the features, benefits, and 35
challenges involved in establishing regional economic 36
development alliances that would enhance collaboration for 37
successful regional economic development efforts, allow for the 38
sharing of services, and permit the mobilization of necessary 39
resources among alliance members. The Committee shall also 40
examine the ways in which such alliances would address the needs 41
of regions throughout the state. 42

In completing its study, the Committee shall consult with 43
various resource groups, including county commissioners, 44
township trustees, mayors, city council members, members of 45
statewide and regional organizations that represent political 46

subdivisions, and members of chambers of commerce. 47

(C) Not later than one year after the effective date of 48
this section, the Committee shall submit a report of its 49
findings and conclusions to the Governor, the Speaker of the 50
House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. The 51
Committee ceases to exist upon the submission of its report. 52