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136th General Assembly

House Arts, Athletics and Tourism

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_136_3348)
Board created	Creates the Ohio Sports Commission, consisting of a board of commissioners.	Creates the Ohio Sports Council.
Purpose	Enhance the quality of life in Ohio through the attraction, promotion, and development of national and international sports.	Assess the economic impacts of sporting events in Ohio and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding policies that can expand the sporting event economy in Ohio.
Duties	Partner and coordinate with convention and visitors' bureaus, chambers of commerce, municipal corporations, sports organizations, venues, and appropriate stakeholders to attract and host major sporting events that enhance Ohio's economy and image. (R.C. 122.97)	Partner and coordinate with the Department of Taxation, local sports commissions, convention and visitors' bureaus, chambers of commerce, municipal corporations, venues, and appropriate stakeholders to assess increased tax revenues, marketing benefits, and other economic impacts from sporting events. (R.C. 122.123 and 122.124)

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Board duties	Study the promotion and development of sports tourism in Ohio; Partner and communicate with private and public stakeholders to attract sports events to Ohio; Develop policy recommendations for the General Assembly, Governor, and local governments; Study the establishment of a new grant program to support emerging sports economies throughout Ohio, including a funding source for the program; and Within six months after the bill takes effect, issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House. (R.C. 122.971)	No provision.
Membership	17 members The Governor, or a designee; The Director of Development, or a designee; Four members of the General Assembly (two from each party in each house); Eleven members appointed by the Governor, including: ▪ One member that represents student athletes; ▪ One that represents professional athletes;	14 members Two members of the Senate (one from each party) Two members of the House (one from each party) Two members that represent convention and visitors' bureaus in Ohio, one appointed by the Speaker and one by the Senate President; One that represents local sports commissions throughout Ohio, appointed by the Governor; Two members that represent local sports commissions throughout Ohio, one

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	▪ One that represents convention and visitors' bureaus; ▪ Four members that represent local sports commissions throughout Ohio; ▪ Two members that represent private stakeholders in the sports industry or tourism industries; and ▪ Two members that represent athletes. (R.C. 122.971(B))	appointed by the Speaker and one by the Senate President; Three members that represent sports facilities that host events in Ohio, including at least one member that represents a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or professional sports venue, appointed by the Governor; Two members that represent professional or amateur sports governance organizations, such as the NCAA or a professional sports team, one appointed by the Speaker and one by the Senate President. (R.C. 122.123(C))
Fund created	Creates the Ohio Sports Commission Fund to be used by the Commission in performing its duties. R.C. 122.972)	No provision.