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A BILL

To amend section 3311.19 and to enact section 1
3311.191 of the Revised Code to revise the law 2
regarding terms of office of members of certain 3
joint vocational school district boards of 4
education. 5

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

Section 1. That section 3311.19 be amended and section 6
3311.191 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3311.19. (A) The management and control of a joint 8
vocational school district shall be vested in the joint 9
vocational school district board of education which, beginning 10
~~on the effective date of this amendment~~ September 29, 2013, 11
shall be appointed under division (C) of this section. 12

All members of a joint vocational school district board 13
serving unexpired terms ~~on the effective date of this amendment~~ 14
September 29, 2013, may continue in office until the expiration 15
of their terms. If a member leaves office for any reason prior 16
to the expiration of that member's term, the vacancy shall be 17
filled only in the manner provided in division (C) of this 18

section. 19

(B) ~~Members~~ Except as provided in section 3311.191 of the 20
Revised Code, members of the joint vocational school district 21
board appointed on or after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 22
September 29, 2013, shall serve for three-year terms of office. 23
No member shall hold office for a period of longer than two 24
consecutive terms. Terms shall be considered consecutive unless 25
separated by three or more years. 26

Members of the board shall be selected based on the 27
diversity of the employers from the geographical region of the 28
state in which the territory of the joint vocational school 29
district is located represented by the members. Not less than 30
three-fifths of the members of the board shall reside in or be 31
employed within the territory of the joint vocational school 32
district board upon which the member serves. 33

(C) The manner of appointment and the total number of 34
members appointed to the joint vocational school district board 35
shall be in accordance with the most recent plan for the joint 36
vocational school district on file with the department of 37
education. An individual shall not be a member of an appointing 38
board, unless the individual meets the criteria in division (C) 39
(2) of this section. 40

(1) Appointments under this section shall be made as the 41
terms of members of each joint vocational school district board 42
who are serving unexpired terms on ~~the effective date of this~~ 43
~~amendment~~ September 29, 2013, expire or as those offices are 44
otherwise vacated prior to the expiration date. 45

(2) Members of the joint vocational board shall have 46
experience as chief financial officers, chief executive 47

officers, human resources managers, or other business, industry, 48
or career counseling professionals who are qualified to discuss 49
the labor needs of the region with respect to the regional 50
economy. The appointing board shall appoint individuals who 51
represent employers in the region served by the joint vocational 52
school district who are qualified to consider the state's 53
workforce needs with an understanding of the skills, training, 54
and education needed for current and future employment 55
opportunities in the state. The appointing board may give 56
preference to individuals who have served as members on a joint 57
vocational school business advisory committee who meet the 58
qualifications in division (C) (2) of this section. 59

(D) The vocational schools in the joint vocational school 60
district shall be available to all youth of school age within 61
the joint vocational school district subject to the rules 62
adopted by the joint vocational school district board of 63
education in regard to the standards requisite to admission. A 64
joint vocational school district board of education shall have 65
the same powers, duties, and authority for the management and 66
operation of such joint vocational school district as is granted 67
by law, except by this chapter and Chapters 124., 3317., 3323., 68
and 3331. of the Revised Code, to a board of education of a city 69
school district, and shall be subject to all the provisions of 70
law that apply to a city school district, except such provisions 71
in this chapter and Chapters 124., 3317., 3323., and 3331. of 72
the Revised Code. 73

(E) The superintendent of schools of a joint vocational 74
school district shall exercise the duties and authority vested 75
by law in a superintendent of schools pertaining to the 76
operation of a school district and the employment and 77
supervision of its personnel. The joint vocational school 78

district board of education shall appoint a treasurer of the 79
joint vocational school district who shall be the fiscal officer 80
for such district and who shall have all the powers, duties, and 81
authority vested by law in a treasurer of a board of education. 82

(F) Each member of a joint vocational school district 83
board of education may be paid such compensation as the board 84
provides by resolution, but it shall not exceed one hundred 85
twenty-five dollars per member for each meeting attended plus 86
mileage, at the rate per mile provided by resolution of the 87
board, to and from meetings of the board. 88

The board may provide by resolution for the deduction of 89
amounts payable for benefits under section 3313.202 of the 90
Revised Code. 91

Each member of a joint vocational school district board 92
may be paid such compensation as the board provides by 93
resolution for attendance at an approved training program, 94
provided that such compensation shall not exceed sixty dollars 95
per day for attendance at a training program three hours or 96
fewer in length and one hundred twenty-five dollars a day for 97
attendance at a training program longer than three hours in 98
length. However, no board member shall be compensated for the 99
same training program under this section and section 3313.12 of 100
the Revised Code. 101

Sec. 3311.191. (A) Subject to division (B) of this 102
section, if a joint vocational school district has an even 103
number of member districts each appointing a member to the joint 104
vocational school district board of education and the joint 105
vocational school district's plan on file with the department of 106
education provides for one additional board member to be 107
appointed on a rotating basis by one of the appointing boards, 108

the term of that additional member shall be for one year. The 109
additional member shall otherwise meet the requirements for 110
joint vocational school board members prescribed by section 111
3311.19 of the Revised Code. 112

(B) If an additional member of a joint vocational school 113
district board appointed on a rotating basis, as described in 114
division (A) of this section, was appointed on or after 115
September 29, 2013, but prior to the effective date of this 116
section, that member may continue in office until the expiration 117
of the member's current term of office. If such member vacates 118
that office for any reason prior to the expiration of that 119
member's term, a new additional member shall be appointed 120
according to the rotational basis prescribed by the district's 121
plan, and that member shall serve for the remainder of the 122
vacating member's term. Thereafter, the term of office of the 123
additional member shall be as prescribed by division (A) of this 124
section. 125

Section 2. That existing section 3311.19 of the Revised 126
Code is hereby repealed. 127