



Ohio Sunset Review Committee

Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Ohio Private Investigator Security Services Commission (OPISSC)

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives:

In 2004, the OPISSC was created in House Bill 230 of the 125th General Assembly in conjunction with the responsibility for regulation of the industry transferring from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Public Safety. The Commission was created to allow an opportunity for representatives of the industry to directly advise the Director of Public Safety on all matters related to the regulation of private investigation and the business of security services. The role of the OPISSC is solely advisory. The OPISSC's objective is to make recommendations to the Director on behalf of the industry regarding administrative rules, training opportunities, community and law enforcement relations, compliance with the rules and law, and the support of legislation that would lead to modernization of the industry.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff:

The workload required to provide administrative support for the OPISSC largely remains the same each year. There are two staff members at the Department of Public Safety who spend a portion of their time providing administrative support to the Commission. There are several additional ODPS staff members who regularly attend OPISSC meetings and communicate with OPISSC members.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding:

In 2017, the Department reimbursed members \$447.20 for expenses incurred while performing official duties for the OPISSC.

In 2018, the Department reimbursed members for \$421.20 in incurred expenses.

In 2019, the Department reimbursed members for \$140.40 in incurred expenses.

So far in 2020, there have been no reimbursements, and we expect the budget for this year to be even less than 2019.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any:

There are fourteen members that serve on the OPISSC. Twelve of these members are appointed by the Governor. The remaining positions are reserved for the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety or his/her designee and the Colonel of the Ohio State Highway Patrol or his/her designee. The members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties, including travel, hotel, and other necessary expenses, but are not entitled to any other form of compensation.

Agency-recommended legislative changes to improve organizational efficiency:

The current structure works well and the Department does not have any proposed legislative changes specific to the Commission.

However, the Commission does advise the Department on legislation that would be beneficial to the industry. Since 2013, OPISSC has pursued a number of legislative changes on behalf of the industry they represent.

In the last General Assembly, the Department worked closely with the OPISSC on the introduction of SB272 which would have allowed for portability of registration and longer registration periods. In the 131st General Assembly, a similar bill was introduced as SB 183. Those legislative efforts were not successful, but the Department continues to work with OPISSC on advancing legislative initiatives that would benefit the industry and their employees.

Additional notes:

While many members of OPISSC are passionate about the industry and their duties as members of the Commission, it has been difficult in recent years to obtain a quorum for meetings. We are hoping that by filling two current vacancies with energetic new members, these attendance issues will be improved.