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except in the case of travelers' checks, and proof of such payment, the director shall reimburse the holder for such payment without interest.

Sec. 171.05. The compensation of all employees of the Ohio retirement study council and other expenses of the council shall be paid upon vouchers approved by the director and the chairperson of the council.

The public employees retirement system, state teachers retirement system, school employees retirement system, state highway patrol retirement system, and Ohio police and fire pension fund shall pay the annual expenses of the council. The council shall prepare and submit to the retirement boards on or before the thirtieth day of June of each year an itemized estimate of the amounts necessary to pay the expenses of the council during the following year. Such expenses shall be charged to and paid by each of the retirement systems in the same ratio as the assets of each system, as of the preceding January first, bear to the total assets of all five systems on that date. The systems shall pay the expenses required under this section by electronic funds transfer or any other method or device of electronic payment.

The council shall establish policies and procedures for purchasing goods and services on a competitive basis and maintaining tangible personal property. The policies and procedures shall be designed to safeguard the use of funds received by the council. An audit performed under Chapter 117. of the Revised Code shall include a determination of the council's compliance with the policies and procedures.

The council is not subject to Chapters 123., 124., 125., 126., and 127. of the Revised Code.

The treasurer of state shall be the custodian of all funds of the council.

Sec. 173.03. (A) There is hereby created the Ohio advisory council for the aging, which shall consist of twelve members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Two ex officio members of the council shall be members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and shall be members of two different political parties. Two ex officio members of the council shall be members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate and shall be members of two different political parties. The medicaid director and directors of ~~mental health~~ mental health and addiction services, developmental disabilities, health, and job and family services, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio members of the council. The council shall carry out its role as defined under the "Older Americans Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 219, 42 U.S.C. 3001, as amended.

At the first meeting of the council, and annually thereafter, the members