



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Synopsis of House Committee Amendments\*

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#### HEALTH INSURANCE

Added a provision lowering to 26 (from 28) the age to which health insurance coverage must be extended, upon the request of the insured, under certain health policies or plans that provide coverage to an insured's unmarried dependent children.

Added a provision increasing to 30 (from 25) the minimum number of hours that an eligible employee works in a normal work week for the purposes of the law governing small employer health benefit plans.

Added a provision specifying that a volunteer firefighter is not an employee for the purposes of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Added a provision increasing the length of one-time, limited duration health insurance policies from not longer than six months to less than 12 months.

Added a provision specifying that chemotherapy parity requirements, as they apply to high deductible health plans, apply only after the respective deductible has been met.

#### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Added a provision requiring the State Medical Board to establish, by rule, standards and procedures for physicians to follow in using controlled substances to treat opioid dependence or addiction.

Added a provision modifying the conditions under which buprenorphine is not included in determining whether prescribers have exceeded their limits on personally furnishing controlled substances.

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House Floor.

Added a provision requiring, beginning April 1, 2015, that certain prescriber-based business entities hold a terminal distributor license from the State Board of Pharmacy in order to possess and distribute buprenorphine-containing drugs used to treat drug dependence or addiction.

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