



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of House Committee Amendments*

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Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund

Adds survivors of volunteer, part-time, and reserve constables and deputy marshals killed in the line of duty and such disabled constables and marshals as participants in the proposed Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund.

Specifies that the bill's provisions regarding the Fund have no impact on the Public Employees Retirement System, Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and State Highway Patrol Retirement System.

Replaces references to "police officer" with "peace officer."

Insurance

Lowers 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.

Increases 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.

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

Increases the potential length of one-time, limited duration health insurance policies, from policies that are not longer than six months to policies that are less than 12 months.

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

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

Controlled substances containing buprenorphine

Requires 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.

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

Requires, 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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