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Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

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House Health

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Radiation control program

Modifies the Senate-passed provisions regarding the Ohio Department of Health's Radiation Control Program, as follows:

--Retains the existing law requirement that, when adopting rules governing the Program, the Director of Health use the *Suggested State Regulations for Control of Radiation*, in place of the Senate-passed provision that would have required the Director to consider the suggested regulations.

--Creates an exception to the requirement to use the suggested regulations by authorizing the Director to deviate from them if doing so is warranted and does not pose a health, environmental, or safety risk.

Anesthesiologist assistants

Adds to the Senate-passed version a number of provisions that make changes to the law governing the practice of anesthesiologist assistants, including the following:

1. Grants an anesthesiologist assistant the authority to select, order, and administer drugs, treatments, and intravenous fluids for conditions related to the administration of anesthesia;
2. Eliminates the requirements that an anesthesiologist assistant practice only in a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility, under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist, and with enhanced supervision during the first four years of practice;
3. Permits an anesthesiologist assistant to direct nurses and respiratory therapists to perform specified tasks, including drug administration; and
4. Authorizes an anesthesiologist assistant to perform additional activities or services, including ordering and evaluating diagnostic tests for conditions related to the administration of anesthesia.

County hospitals and nonprofit entities

Adds to the Senate-passed version a provision specifying that a nonprofit corporation or limited liability company formed by a board of county hospital trustees is a separate entity from the county hospital, county, township, or other public entity.