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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Senate General Government

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Special designations

Adds a designation of the week that includes March 16 as Ohio Black Media Week.

Availability of hospital price information

Requires each hospital to maintain and make public a list of all standard charges for all hospital items or services.

Also requires the hospital to maintain and make public a consumer-friendly list of standard charges for at least 300 of the hospital's shoppable services.

Requires the list of standard charges for shoppable services to include the 70 services specified as shoppable services by the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or as many of those services as the hospital provides.

Permits hospitals to fulfill the requirement for a list of standard charges for shoppable services by providing a qualifying internet-based price estimator tool.

Prohibits hospitals from selling the personal data of a person in this state acquired from an internet-based price estimator tool.

Prohibits hospitals from using, selling, or processing the personal data of a person in this state acquired from an internet-based price estimator tool for the purposes of targeted advertising.

Requires the Director of Health to monitor each hospital's compliance with the bill's requirements and in cases of noncompliance, to impose penalties, including fines.

Creates the Hospital Price Transparency Fund.

Requires the Director to create a public list of hospitals not in compliance with the price transparency requirements.

Requires the Director to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor reports regarding noncompliant hospitals, changes to the federal price transparency law, and recommendations for changing state hospital price transparency requirements.