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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_136_1288-1)
<b>Application date</b>	
Applies to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) on and after January 1, 2027, and to agreements involving PBMs that are entered into, amended, or renewed on and after that date ( <i>R.C. 3957.01(H), 3957.03(A), 3957.09(A), 3957.13(A), 3957.14(G), 3957.15(B), and 3959.01(B)(6)</i> ).	Changes the application date to July 1, 2027 ( <i>R.C. 3957.01(H), 3957.03(A), 3957.09(A), 3957.13(A), 3957.14(G), 3957.15(B), and 3959.01(B)(6)</i> ).
<b>Suspension, revocation, and nonrenewal</b>	
Authorizes the Superintendent of Insurance to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license if a licensee knowingly violates the PBM law or knowingly makes a material misstatement in the license or renewal application ( <i>R.C. 3957.11(A)</i> ).	Similar to the As Introduced version but removes the word “knowingly” ( <i>R.C. 3957.11(A)</i> ).
<b>Books and records</b>	
Authorizes the Superintendent of Insurance to examine the books and records of a PBM related to a health care payor ( <i>R.C. 3957.14(G)</i> ).	Similar to the As Introduced version but replaces “health care payor” with “plan sponsor of a health benefit plan or health plan issuer” ( <i>R.C. 3957.14(G)</i> ).

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Clarifies that the bill does not limit the authority of the Superintendent to examine or audit the books and records of a PBM ( <i>R.C. 3957.14(H)</i> ).	No provision.
No provision.	Requires the PBM to pay any expenses associated with the Superintendent's examination and requires the Superintendent to provide an itemized statement of the expenses incurred in the examination ( <i>R.C. 3957.14(H)</i> ).