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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_1100-2)
Excavation definition	
No provision.	Excludes from the definition of “excavation” <i>any</i> mining and reclamation operations regulated under Chapter 1513 or 1514 of the Revised Code. Current law excludes only coal mining and reclamation operations subject to regulation under Chapter 1513 of the Revised Code. (R.C. 3781.25(I).)
Defines “excavation” to exclude milling and grinding of asphalt road surfaces without penetrating the earth to a depth greater than four inches (R.C. 3781.25(I)(1)).	Defines “excavation” to exclude milling and grinding of asphalt road surfaces up to six inches without penetrating the earth or sub-base (R.C. 3781.25(I)(1)).

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_136_1100-2)
No provision.	Defines “excavation” to exclude localized pavement repairs on all areas outside municipal corporations without penetrating the earth to a depth greater than 12 inches (<i>R.C. 3781.25(I)(5)</i>).
Public improvements	
No provision.	Requires contractors working on a public improvement contract to give notice to the protection service and the owner of any underground facility at least two working days, and not more than 16 calendar days, before commencing construction. Current law requires such notice at least two working days, and not more than ten working days before commencing construction. (<i>R.C. 153.64(C)</i> .)
No provision.	Specifies that the day of the notification is not included in determining the notification timeline (<i>R.C. 153.64(C)</i>).
No provision.	Eliminates a provision in current law that excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays in computing the number of “working days” (<i>R.C. 153.64(C)</i>).
Marking	
No provision.	Requires that the owner of an underground utility facility mark said facility within two working days after receiving notice of a pending construction operation, as opposed to 48 hours after receiving notice under current law (<i>R.C. 3781.29(A)(1)</i>).
No provision.	Specifies that the day of the notification is not included in determining the notification timeline (<i>R.C. 3781.29(A)(1)</i>).