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Version: As Reported by House Commerce and Labor

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Robb Blasdel and Johnson

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill makes several changes to the Ohio utilities protection service law. It eliminates the option for utility operators to participate on a limited basis and requires full participation in the state's protection service, including use of its positive response system. It also revises the definition of "excavation" to exempt certain activities when performed in a public right-of-way, such as milling road surfaces, utility pole inspections, tilling for sowing of grass, and placing temporary signage. Lastly, it adjusts the required timeframe for notifying the protection service before excavation to a window between two working days (not including the day of the notification) and 16 calendar days in advance and clarifies the definition of a "working day." Similarly, the bill adjusts the timing requirements for notice provided by contractors or subcontractors for public improvements (meaning projects or works of any nature by a public authority) and for utility owners marking underground facilities in those construction areas.

The bill does not have any direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions.