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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_0380-2)
State Fire Marshal inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire hydrants	
Requires the State Fire Marshal to ensure the periodic inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire hydrant systems in accordance with state laws, state regulations, and National Fire Protection Association standards (<i>R.C. 3737.843(A)</i>).	No provision.
Codifies minimum inspection, testing, and maintenance standards as follows: 1. Fire hydrants must be inspected annually and after each operation. A flow test and general maintenance must be conducted annually.	No provision.

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2. Fire service main piping must be inspected annually. A flow test must be conducted every five years. 3. Fire service main piping strainers must be inspected and receive general maintenance care after each use (<i>R.C. 3737.843(B) and (C)</i>).	
Fire hydrant maintenance plan	
No provision.	Requires any political subdivision that owns, operates, or otherwise maintains fire hydrant systems or the associated service mains and water tanks to adopt a fire hydrant maintenance plan (a schedule for inspection, testing, and maintenance of fire hydrant systems) within 12 months of the bill's effective date (<i>R.C. 3737.834(A) and (B)</i>).
No provision.	Specifies general provisions that a fire hydrant maintenance plan may include within it (e.g., a schedule for inspections, records of tests and repairs, etc.) (<i>R.C. 3737.834(C)</i>).
No provision.	Authorizes the legislative authority of the political subdivision to ensure the inspection, testing, and maintenance of the fire hydrant systems in accordance with the fire hydrant maintenance plan (<i>R.C. 3737.834(D)</i>).
No provision.	Requires any record of the tests, repairs, alterations, replacement, or regular maintenance of a fire hydrant system to be retained on the same schedule as, and be included in, the political subdivision's local public water system's asset management program records (<i>R.C. 3737.834(E) and 6109.24</i>).