



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## **Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\***

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### **Sub. H.B. 347** 131st General Assembly (S. Government Oversight and Reform)

The Committee made the following revisions to the bill:

Prohibits any person from receiving, retaining, possessing, or disposing of proceeds knowing or having reasonable cause to believe the proceeds were derived from an "offense subject to forfeiture proceedings" instead of the commission of a drug, theft, or trafficking in persons offense in the House-passed version.

Defines "offense subject to forfeiture proceedings" as any offense in a list of specific offenses in the Criminal Code generally pertaining to homicide and assault, kidnapping and extortion, sex offenses, arson and related offenses, robbery and burglary, gambling, offenses against justice, drug offenses, and conspiracy or attempt to commit, or complicity in committing the offenses.

Changes the name of the offense of "receiving proceeds of a drug abuse, theft, or trafficking in persons" to the offense of "receiving proceeds of an offense subject to forfeiture proceedings."

Permits the state to file a civil action against a person alleged to have received, retained, possessed, or disposed of proceeds, in an amount exceeding \$15,000, instead of \$25,000 in the House-passed version, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the proceeds were allegedly derived from the commission of an "offense subject to forfeiture proceedings" as defined.

Provides for an annual increase of the above amount of \$15,000 based on the rate of inflation according to the consumer price index.

Removes from the bill the changes made to R.C. 2981.12 (disposal of forfeited property) and R.C. 2981.13 (sale of forfeited property and forfeiture funds), thus retaining existing law.

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Adds the sanction of intervention in lieu of conviction in addition to conviction of an offense in the criminal forfeiture provisions.

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