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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 (I_134_0968-4, As Pending in H. Health)	Latest Version (I_134_0968-5)
Anesthesiologist direct supervision and immediate presence	
<p>Specifies that the phrase “direct supervision and in the immediate presence of” an anesthesiologist, a current law condition on the practice of an anesthesiologist assistant, means all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That the supervising anesthesiologist remains physically present at the health care facility where the anesthesiologist assistant is providing services; ▪ That the supervising anesthesiologist is available for immediate diagnosis and treatment during emergencies; 	No provision.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ That the supervising anesthesiologist can be reached by telephone, a paging device, or an overhead paging system, such that the anesthesiologist is immediately available to participate directly in the care of the patient with whom the anesthesiologist and assistant are jointly involved; ▪ That the supervising anesthesiologist personally participates in induction and emergence and all other procedures that the supervising anesthesiologist considers to be the most demanding to perform; ▪ That the supervising anesthesiologist is not required to be present in the same room or area as the assistant for the duration of the anesthetic management being provided; ▪ That the supervising anesthesiologist is not prohibited from addressing an emergency of short duration, administering labor analgesia, or performing, as required of a perioperative specialist, duties of short duration in another location in the health care facility (<i>R.C. 4760.01 and 4760.08</i>). 	
Anesthesiologist statutory reference	
<p>Eliminates the current law provision referring to an anesthesiologist as “a physician who is actively and directly engaged in the clinical practice of medicine as an anesthesiologist”; instead, refers only to an anesthesiologist, defined by existing law to mean a physician who has successfully completed a training program in anesthesiology (<i>R.C. 4760.01 and 4760.08</i>).</p>	<p>No provision (i.e., maintains current law).</p>

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Anesthesiologist assistant authority to prescribe drugs for use outside of a health care facility	
No provision.	Specifies that the bill does not authorize an anesthesiologist assistant to prescribe a drug for use outside of the health care facility where the anesthesiologist assistant practices (<i>R.C. 4760.09</i>).