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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of H.B. 509, I\_134\_3016, differs from the House-passed 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.

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<b>Department of Aging</b>	
No provision.	Increases to two years (from one year) the duration of a nursing home administrator license issued by the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports within the Department of Aging, and modifies to \$500 every two years (from \$300 annually) the license renewal fee required for the license.
No provision.	Eliminates the temporary nursing home administrator license issued by the Board and instead allows an individual, if requested by a nursing home due to a vacancy in the administrator position, to receive a

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	nursing home administrator license if the individual satisfies the licensure requirements and provides satisfactory evidence to the Board, within 180 days after the licensed is issued, that the individual has passed the required examination. <i>(R.C. 4751.20, 4751.202, repealed, 4751.24, and 4751.241; Section 6; conforming changes in R.C. 109.572, 4751.01, 4751.10, 4751.101, 4751.102, 4751.23, 4751.32, 4751.33, 4751.40, 4751.41, and 4751.45.)</i>
<b>Chemical Dependency Professionals Board</b>	
No provision.	Eliminates the authority of a license, certificate, or endorsement holder to apply for and the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board to issue – not later than two years after the license’s, certificate’s, or endorsement’s expiration – a restored license, certificate, or endorsement. <i>(R.C. 4758.20, 4758.25, 4758.26, 4758.27, 4758.30, 4758.51, and 4758.52.)</i>
<b>State Chiropractic Board</b>	
No provision.	Eliminates from the State Chiropractic Board’s rulemaking authority the ability to establish the renewal fee and continuing education hours required to renew a license to practice chiropractic.
No provision.	Instead, specifies that the chiropractic license renewal fee is \$300, and 30 hours of continuing education are necessary to renew a license.
No provision.	Reduces to \$150 (from \$250) the initial fee required to receive a license to practice chiropractic.
No provision.	Eliminates a requirement that a chiropractor receive a certificate from the Board to practice acupuncture and instead permits a chiropractor who files evidence of national certification from the National Board of

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	Chiropractic Examiners with the State Chiropractic Board to practice acupuncture. (R.C. 4734.141, 4734.142, 4734.20, 4734.25, 4734.283, 4734.285, 4734.286; Section 7; conforming changes in R.C. Chapter 4734; R.C. 4734.211, 4734.282, and 4734.284, all repealed.)
<b>State Fire Marshal</b>	
No provision.	Removes the provisional fire protection installer certification.
No provision	Increases the duration of an underground storage tank system installer certification, from one year to two years.
No provision.	Removes the requirement that a sponsor of an underground storage tank system installer training program be certified, requiring instead that a person wishing to sponsor an underground storage tank system installer training program meet the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Be a certified underground storage tank system installer in good standing;</li> <li>▪ Receive approval from the State Fire Marshal to sponsor a training program.</li> </ul>
No provision.	Increases the duration of a hotel, single room occupancy license, from one year to three years.
No provision.	Prescribes the initial and renewal fees for a hotel, single room occupancy license and removes the authority of the State Fire Marshal to set these fees in rule. (R.C. 3731.02, 3731.03, 3731.031, 3731.041, 3737.65, and 3737.881.)

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<b>Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapists Board</b>	
No provision.	Allows an applicant for a license to practice social work to hold either a baccalaureate degree in social work, as under current law, or in another field acceptable to the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapists Board and specifies that application and renewal fees cannot exceed \$60.
No provision.	Authorizes the Board to assist applicants for social work licensure or renewal in paying application, renewal, and examination fees and makes corresponding changes.
No provision.	Requires the Board to issue a license to an applicant for a license to practice as a professional counselor or as a social worker who does not meet the current law educational requirements if the applicant demonstrates that he or she is on track to do so and also requires the Board to revoke the license if the applicant fails to present proof of degree conferment not later than 90 days after issuance of the license (replacing the Board's authority to issue a temporary license to such an applicant under current law).
No provision.	Requires the Board to issue a license to an applicant for a license to practice as a marriage and family therapist who has not passed the examination required by current law if the applicant demonstrates that he or she is scheduled to sit for the examination, and also requires the Board to revoke the license if the applicant fails to present proof of a passing score (replacing the Board's authority to issue a temporary license to such an applicant under current law). <i>(R.C. 4743.05, 4757.10, 4757.23, 4757.28, 4757.281, enact, 4757.30, 4757.301, repealed, 4757.31, and 4757.36; Section 13.)</i>

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No provision.	Reduces the continuing education hours that the holder of a certificate of registration as a social work assistant must complete as a condition of certificate renewal to 15 (from 30) hours. <i>(R.C. 4757.33.)</i>
<b>Department of Developmental Disabilities</b>	
Eliminates statutory references to early intervention supervisor certificates, which were created through a rule that has been rescinded. <i>(R.C. 5126.25(E)(1).)</i>	No provision.
No provision.	Eliminates references to the following certificates issued by the Department of Developmental Disabilities: (1) registered nurse instructor certificate, (2) service and support administrator supervisor certificate, and (3) developmental specialist certificate.
No provision.	Eliminates a requirement that the Department develop courses that train registered nurses to provide other training courses administered by the Department.  Authorizes an individual who is not a registered nurse, if the individual holds an associate's degree or higher in a relevant field of study, to teach a developmental disabilities personnel training course.
No provision.	With the elimination of the service and support administrator supervisor certificate, removes a requirement that a conditional status service and support administrator be supervised when providing services.

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No provision.	Beginning on the bill's effective date, prohibits rules adopted by the Department from establishing varying levels of certification for individuals to receive an investigative agent certification and instead requires the Department to establish uniform qualifications for all applicants. <i>(R.C. 5123.441, 5123.44, repealed, 5123.45, 5126.201, 5126.22, and 5126.25.)</i>
<b>State Dental Board</b>	
No provision.	Reduces the number of hours of continuing education required over each two-year license renewal period as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To 30 hours (from 40 hours) for dentists;</li> <li>▪ To 20 hours (from 24 hours) for dental hygienists. <i>(R.C. 4715.141 and 4715.25.)</i></li> </ul>
No provision.	Eliminates fee amounts that differ based on the year initial licenses were issued (odd-numbered year vs. even-numbered year) and provides for a single fee amount.  In the case of a license to practice dentistry, reduces the initial fee to \$400 (from \$454 in an even-numbered year) and reduces the renewal fee to \$300 (from \$312).  In the case of a license to practice as a dental hygienist, reduces the initial fee to \$150 (from \$184 in an even-numbered year) and the renewal fee to \$100 (from \$144). <i>(R.C. 4715.13, 4715.14, 4715.21, and 4715.24.)</i>
No provision.	Eliminates the dental hygienist teacher's certificate and temporary volunteer's certificate. <i>(R.C. 4715.27 and 4715.421.)</i>

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<b>State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services</b>	
No provision.	<p>Authorizes the Board to adopt rules that create standards for criminal background checks for applicants applying for or renewing any of the following certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First Responder (EMR);</li> <li>▪ Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT);</li> <li>▪ Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate (AEMT);</li> <li>▪ Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic;</li> <li>▪ Emergency Medical Instructor; and</li> <li>▪ Fire Safety Inspector. <i>(R.C. 4765.11 and 4765.55.)</i></li> </ul>
<p>Reduces the maximum continuing education hours required for firefighter certification renewal from 54 hours every three-year certification cycle to 36 hours every three-year certification cycle. <i>(R.C. 4765.55.)</i></p>	<p>Same, but authorizes a local entity to require more continuing education hours for firefighters or volunteer firefighters than the state, provided completion of those hours is not required for renewal of the certification. <i>(R.C. 4765.55.)</i></p>
No provision.	<p>Reduces the number of continuing education hours required for a paramedic from 86 hours to 75 hours, every three years. <i>(R.C. 4765.16.)</i></p>
No provision.	<p>Eliminates the following certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Assistant Instructor Certificate; and</li> <li>▪ The Assistant Fire Instructor Certificate.</li> </ul>
	<p>Specifies that certificates that are valid on the effective date of the bill's changes remain valid for the individuals who hold them, until their current expiration dates. <i>(R.C. 4765.11 and 4765.55.)</i></p>

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No provision.	Merges the current law EMS Training Programs with the EMS Continuing Education Programs to become a joint EMS Training and Continuing Education Program.
No provision.	Merges the EMS Training Instructor Certificate with the EMS Continuing Education Instructor Certificate.
No provision.	Requires the Board to adopt rules governing the procedures for the merger and the steps that current operators of the individual programs must take in order to operate and teach courses that cover training and continuing education requirements.
No provision.	Merges the current Fire Instructor Certificate with the Live Fire Instructor Certificate. <i>(R.C. 4765.10, 4765.11, 4765.15, 4765.16, 4765.17, 4765.18, 4765.22, 4765.23, 4765.24, 4765.29, 4765.30, 4765.31, 4765.49, 4765.50, and 4765.55.)</i>
Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	
No provision.	<p>Eliminates the limited veterinary license and requires applicants who would qualify for that license under current law to obtain a veterinary license. (A limited veterinary license may be issued to (1) an intern, resident in a veterinary specialty, or graduate student (veterinary students), or (2) an individual who solely works at a veterinary academic institution, veterinary technology institution, or government diagnostic laboratory (academic veterinarians) <i>(R.C. 4741.13, repealed, 4741.16, 4741.19, 4741.22, and 4741.49)</i>.)</p> <p>By eliminating the limited veterinary license, does both of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increases the initial licensure fee for academic veterinarians from \$155 to \$275;</li> </ul>

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No provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increases the initial licensure fee for veterinary students from \$35 to \$275. <i>(R.C. 4741.17.)</i></li> </ul> <p>Eliminates the provisional veterinary graduate license and requires applicants who would qualify for that license under current law to obtain a veterinarian license.</p> <p>Because of the elimination of this license, increases the fee for an initial license for such an applicant from \$100 to \$275.</p> <p>If the Board issues a veterinary license to such an applicant, requires the licensee to provide to the Board proof of passage of a nationally recognized examination within 180 days of issuance of a license.</p> <p>During the 180-day period, requires a licensee to perform their duties only under direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. <i>(R.C. 4741.01, 4741.11, 4741.15, repealed, and 4741.17.)</i></p>
No provision.	<p>Reduces the initial license fee for a veterinary license to \$275 (current law establishes a \$425 fee on license applications filed on even-numbered years and a \$300 fee on applications filed on odd-numbered years). <i>(R.C. 4741.17.)</i></p>
No provision.	<p>Regarding the initial registration fee for a veterinary technician, does both of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For an application for registration filed in an even-numbered year, reduces the fee from \$35 to \$30;</li> <li>▪ For an application for registration filed in an odd-numbered year, increases the fee from \$25 to \$30. <i>(R.C. 4741.17.)</i></li> </ul>

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No provision.	Regarding the biennial veterinary technician registration renewal fee, does all of the following:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For an application postmarked by March 1, reduces the fee from \$35 to \$30;</li> <li>▪ For an application postmarked between March 1 and April 1, reduces the fee from \$45 to \$30; and</li> <li>▪ For an application postmarked after April 1, reduces the fee from \$60 to \$30. <i>(R.C. 4741.17.)</i></li> </ul>
No provision.	Regarding any fee reductions specified above, allows the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board to gradually implement the reductions, but requires full implementation by January 1, 2028. <i>(R.C. 4741.17.)</i>
<b>Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors</b>	
Allows a college student to apply to be a funeral director apprentice, embalmer apprentice, or combined funeral director and embalmer apprentice. <i>(R.C. 4717.05.)</i>	No provision.
No provision.	Repeals the crematory operator license required for an individual to perform cremations. The amendment does not repeal or amend nonlicensing-related statutory requirements for crematory operators.
No provision.	Merges the embalmer’s license and the funeral director’s license into one combined license, called the combined funeral director and embalmer license. All licensed persons as of the provision’s effective date will be grandfathered into the licensing change.

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No provision.	Merges the embalmer’s and funeral director’s apprenticeship programs into one combined program and grandfathers persons in existing programs as of the provision’s effective date.
No provision.	Requires a high school education or equivalent, rather than a bachelor’s degree, to qualify for the combined funeral director and embalmer license. Under continuing law, an applicant must complete 12 months post-secondary education in mortuary science.
No provision.	Requires the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors to adopt rules governing apprenticeships, which must include enrollment in a one-year apprenticeship program, completion of a high school education, and completion of one-year of mortuary sciences.
No provision.	Reduces, from \$200 to \$100, the cost to apply for a new or renewed license. Under current law, the application cost is \$200 for each funeral director’s license and each embalmer’s license. Under the amendment, the application cost is \$100 for the combined license.
No provision.	Reduces, from \$35 to \$30, the cost for applying for a combined funeral director and embalmer certificate of apprenticeship. Under current law, the application cost is \$35 for each program. Under the amendment, the application cost is \$30 for the combined program.
No provision.	Reduces, from between 12 to 30 hours to only 12 hours, the continuing education hours required for each biennial licensing period for licensed funeral directors and embalmers. By rule, the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors currently requires 18 hours. <i>(R.C. 2925.01, 4717.01, 4717.02, 4717.03, 4717.04, 4717.05, 4717.051, 4717.06, 4717.07, 4717.08, 4717.09, 4717.10, 4717.11, 4717.13, 4717.14, 4717.15, 4717.31, 4717.36, and 4717.41; Section 14.)</i>

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<b>Department of Insurance</b>	
No provision.	Reduces the initial licensing fee and renewal fee for reinsurance intermediary broker licenses and reinsurance intermediary manager licenses from \$500 to \$100.
No provision.	Reduces the initial licensing fee for entities employing insurance navigators that is contained in the Ohio Administrative Code from up to \$250 (less than 100 navigators), or up to \$500 (100 or more navigators), to \$200 in all cases.
No provision.	Reduces the renewal fee for entities employing insurance navigators that is contained in the Ohio Administrative Code from \$100 (less than 100 navigators), or \$250 (100 or more navigators), to \$100 in all cases. <i>(R.C. 3905.471 and 3905.81.)</i>
<b>Board of Nursing</b>	
No provision.	Reduces the licensure fees for advanced practice registered nurses as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To \$120 (from \$150) in the case of an initial application for licensure;</li> <li>▪ To \$100 (from \$135) in the case of a license renewal. <i>(R.C. 4723.08.)</i></li> </ul>
No provision.	Renames community health worker certificates as community health worker registrations and makes conforming changes. <i>(R.C. 4723.01, 4723.06, 4723.07, 4723.08, 4723.24, 4723.271, 4723.281, 4723.34, 4723.35, 4723.81, 4723.82, 4723.83, 4723.84, 4723.85, 4723.86, 4723.87, 4723.88, 4723.91, and 5167.173; Section 8.)</i>

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<b>State Board of Pharmacy</b>	
No provision.	Reduces to \$200 (from \$250) the renewal license fee for pharmacists.
No provision.	Reduces to \$30 (from \$45) the initial license and annual renewal fee for pharmacy intern licenses. <i>(R.C. 4729.15.)</i>
<b>State Board of Psychology</b>	
Extends the validity of licenses for school psychologists from two years to five years and reduces the associated renewal fees and continuing education hours. <i>(R.C. 4732.14, 4732.141, and 4732.142.)</i>	Eliminates licensure by the Psychology Board for school psychologists, but maintains current law licensure by rule of the State Board of Education. <i>(R.C. 4732.09 to 4732.11 and 4732.13 (primary); related and conforming changes in R.C. 2925.01, 4732.01, 4732.02, 4732.05, 4732.12, 4732.141, 4732.142, 4732.17, 4732.171, 4732.173, 4732.18, 4732.19, 4732.20, 4732.21, 4732.22, 4732.24, 4732.31, 4732.33, 4743.09, 4757.41, and 5164.95.)</i>
No provision.	Adds to the State Board of Psychology a certified Ohio behavior analyst. <i>(R.C. 4732.02.)</i>
<b>Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board</b>	
No provision.	Requires the applicable section of the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (PYT) Board to grant a regular occupational therapist, occupational therapist assistant, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, or athletic trainers license to a person who satisfies continuing law requirements governing licensure of active duty military personnel and their spouses (current law allows the Board to grant either a temporary license or a regular license to the person) <i>(R.C. 4755.08, 4755.44, 4755.441, and 4755.62).</i>

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<p>Eliminates temporary licenses to practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, and pedorthics; but maintains requirements applicable to an unlicensed individual providing orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services under a licensee's supervision (<i>R.C. 4779.03 and 4779.18, repealed</i>).</p>	<p>Additionally eliminates licenses to practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, and pedorthics, and prohibits a person from practicing orthotics, prosthetics, or pedorthics unless both of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The person holds a valid, unexpired certified prosthetist-orthotist credential (for the practice of orthotics, prosthetics, or both) or a valid, unexpired certified pedorthist credential (for the practice of pedorthics) from the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics or its successor organization;</li> <li>▪ The person files the credential with the PYT Board in accordance with rules the Board adopts.</li> </ul> <p>Requires the PYT Board to adopt rules establishing a fee for recording the credential.</p> <p>Specifies that licenses to practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, and pedorthics continue in effect until the license expires in accordance with current law and requires a person practicing after that date to comply with the bill.</p>
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Eliminates the Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Council, which currently is appointed by the Board to advise on issues relating to the practice of orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics and the investigation of complaints. (<i>R.C. 109.572, 4752.02, 4776.01, 4779.02, 4779.03, 4779.04, 4779.08, 4779.21, 4779.22, 4779.28, 4779.32, and 4779.40, amended; R.C. 4779.09, 4779.091, 4779.10, 4779.11, 4779.12, 4779.13, 4779.15, 4779.17, 4779.18, 4779.19, 4779.20, 4779.23, 4779.24, 4779.25, 4779.26, 4779.27, 4779.29, 4779.30, 4779.31, 4779.34, and 4779.35, repealed; Section 12.</i>)</p>

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<b>Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board</b>	
No provision.	<p>Changes the name of a hearing aid dealer’s or fitter’s license to a hearing aid dealer’s or fitter’s registration.</p> <p>Considers a valid hearing aid dealer’s or fitter’s license issued to a person on or before the bill’s effective date a valid hearing aid dealer’s or fitter’s registration. Requires the Board, if the person renews that license on or before its expiration, to issue the person a registration. Specifies that the change from license to registration does not affect current Board membership. (<i>R.C. 1345.30, 2925.01, 3701.74, 4744.02, 4744.12, 4747.01, 4747.02, 4747.04, 4747.05, 4747.051, 4747.06, 4747.07, 4747.08, 4747.09, 4747.10, 4747.11, 4747.12, 4747.13, 4747.14, 4747.15, 4747.16, 4753.02, 4753.12, 4769.01, and 5162.80; Section 9.</i>)</p>
No provision.	<p>Eliminates speech-language pathologist conditional licenses (a temporary license for individuals in the process of completing supervised professional experience required for full licensure under current law).</p> <p>Specifies that a speech-language pathologist conditional license in effect on the bill’s effective date continues in effect and expires in accordance with the law in effect immediately before that date.</p> <p>Requires the Board to issue a speech-language pathologist license to a person who meets all of the requirements for licensure other than supervised professional experience.</p>

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	<p>Requires a person who is issued a speech-language pathologist license to submit to the Board, within 540 days from the date that the initial license was issued, written evidence that the person has completed supervised professional experience of at least 30 hours per week, for a minimum of 36 weeks.</p> <p>Prohibits a speech-language pathologist licensee who has not yet completed the professional experience requirement under the amendment from practicing without appropriate supervision as determined by the Board.</p> <p>Requires the Board to revoke a speech-language pathologist license if the licensee fails to meet the supervised professional experience requirement in the specified time frame or practices without appropriate supervision before completing the professional experience requirement. <i>(R.C. 4753.06, 4753.071, 4753.10, and Section 10, with conforming changes in R.C. 4753.07, 4753.09, 4753.12, and 5164.95.)</i></p>
No provision.	Eliminates audiologist conditional licensure (this was a grandfathering provision for individuals who did not have a doctor of audiology degree when that became a requirement for full licensure on January 1, 2006, and is now obsolete). <i>(R.C. 4753.06 and 4753.071.)</i>
No provision.	<p>Eliminates speech-language pathology aide and audiology aide licensure.</p> <p>Requires anyone acting as a speech-language pathology aide or audiology aide to do so under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist. <i>(R.C. 4753.072, repealed and 4753.02, with a conforming change in R.C. 5164.95.)</i></p>

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<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Eliminates the Board’s ability to determine the initial licensure fee for speech-language pathologist and audiologist licenses by rule and instead specifies that fee as \$150 (the Board currently charges \$200).</p> <p>Allows the Board to gradually reduce the fee in effect before the amendment’s effective date, provided that the Board must require the fee to be \$150 by January 1, 2028. <i>(R.C. 4753.11.)</i></p> <p>Eliminates speech-language pathologist student permits. <i>(R.C. 4753.073 and 4753.101, repealed, with conforming changes in R.C. 4753.02, 4753.05, and 4753.11.)</i></p>
State Vision Professionals Board	
<p>Requires certificates of licensure to practice optometry, topical ocular pharmaceutical agents certificates, therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificates, dispensing optician licenses, and ocularist licenses to be renewed biennially instead of annually as under current law <i>(R.C. 4725.16, 4725.34, 4725.48, and 4725.51, with conforming changes in R.C. 4725.17 and 4725.171, and R.C. 4725.01, 4725.13, and 4725.14, not in the bill).</i></p>	<p>Eliminates the ocularist license issued by the Board and allows an individual holding an ocularist license to maintain and renew the license indefinitely.</p> <p>Specifies that a licensed optometrist may design, fabricate, and fit artificial eyes and ocular prostheses.</p> <p>Eliminates the spectacle dispensing optician, contact lens dispensing optician, and spectacle-contact lens dispensing optician licenses issued by the Board, and allows an individual to engage in optical dispensing without a license.</p>

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No provision.	Removes the two Board seats required to be filled by licensed dispensing opticians, and allows the current members who are licensed dispensing opticians to complete their terms. <i>(R.C. 4725.01, 4725.021, 4725.031, 4725.122, and 4725.40 to 4725.591, repealed, with conforming changes in multiple R.C. sections; Section 11.)</i>
No provision.	Eliminates the separate topical ocular pharmaceutical agents certificate and therapeutic pharmaceutical agents certificate that are issued with a certificate of licensure to practice optometry (optometrist license), and specifies that a licensed optometrist has prescribing authority without holding a separate certificate.  Allows a licensed optometrist holding a topical ocular pharmaceutical agents certificate to practice within the scope of the certificate unless the optometrist obtains additional education. <i>(R.C. 4725.01, 4725.02, 4725.13, 4725.131, and 4725.14, repealed, with conforming changes in multiple R.C. sections.)</i>
No provision.	Establishes an initial biennial license fee and biennial renewal fee for an optometrist license of \$200 (the As Passed by the House version proposed a \$300 initial license fee and renewal fee).  Allows the Board to gradually reduce any fees that are reduced under the bill if the full reduction is implemented by January 1, 2028. <i>(R.C. 4725.34.)</i>
Permits the Board to issue a cease and desist order if a person is engaging in prohibited conduct that has caused, is causing, or is about to cause substantial and material harm <i>(R.C. 4725.19 and 4725.231).</i>	No provision.
Allows the Board to investigate an unlicensed person engaged in the practice of optometry. <i>(R.C. 4725.19 and 4725.231.)</i>	No provision.

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<b>Miscellaneous provisions</b>	
<p>Requires occupational licensing boards to prepare and issue a report that addresses the competitiveness of the fee structure for each license administered by the board and assesses whether the board's process for issuing licenses could be improved by using the electronic licensing system maintained by the Department of Administrative Services (<i>R.C. 4798.05</i>).</p>	<p>No provision.</p>
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Prohibits an occupational licensing board from requiring a photograph or physical description of the applicant as a condition of issuing or renewing an occupational license, certification, or registration. (<i>R.C. 169.16, 3772.13, 3772.131, 4709.07, 4709.10, 4713.28, 4735.27, 4749.03, and 4798.05.</i>)</p>
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Authorizes an occupational licensing board to allow an individual who is required to complete continuing education for renewal of an occupational license, specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement, or certification to do so virtually. (<i>R.C. 4798.06.</i>)</p>