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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

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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 Passed by the House)	Latest Version (I_133_1449-6)
<b>Eligibility for program: phases</b>	
<p>Structures the program as a <b>single</b> phase with the following eligibility:</p> <p><u>Reduction</u></p> <p>A person is eligible for a reduction of reinstatement fees if the person has completed all court-ordered sanctions other than the payment of reinstatement fees and at least 18 months have expired since the end of the license suspension period (<i>implies that the 18 months must expire for all offenses included in the program in order for that person to be eligible</i>) (R.C. 4510.101(C)(1)).</p>	<p>Breaks up eligibility for the program into <b>two</b> phases as follows:</p> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> phase reduction</u></p> <p>A person is eligible for a reduction in reinstatement fees if the eligible offense(s) occurred <b>prior</b> to the effective date of the bill, at least 18 months have expired since the end of the license suspension period for at least <b>one</b> of the offenses, and the person is not indigent (R.C. 4510.103(A)(1)).</p>

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<p><u>Waiver</u></p> <p>A person is eligible for a complete waiver in reinstatement fees if the person has completed all court-ordered sanctions other than the payment of reinstatement fees and the person is indigent (<i>R.C. 4510.101(C)(2)</i>).</p> <p>Requires all court-ordered sanctions (which would include the license suspension) to be complete before a person can participate in the program (<i>R.C. 4510.101(C)</i>).</p>	<p><u>1<sup>st</sup> phase waiver</u></p> <p>A person is eligible for a complete waiver in reinstatement fees if the eligible offense(s) occurred <b>prior</b> to the effective date of the bill and the person is indigent (<i>R.C. 4510.103(A)(2)</i>).</p> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> phase reduction</u></p> <p>A person is eligible for a reduction in reinstatement fees if the eligible offense(s) occurred <b>after</b> the effective date of the bill, the person was not eligible to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, the person did <b>not</b> participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase and has not participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, at least 18 months have expired since the end of the license suspension period for at least <b>one</b> of the offenses, and the person is not indigent (<i>R.C. 4510.104(A)(1)</i>).</p> <p><u>2<sup>nd</sup> phase waiver</u></p> <p>A person is eligible for a complete waiver in reinstatement fees if the eligible offense(s) occurred <b>after</b> the effective date of the bill, the person was not eligible to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, the person did <b>not</b> participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase and has not participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, and the person is indigent (<i>R.C. 4510.104(A)(2)</i>).</p> <p>Requires the Director of Public Safety, for the <b>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase</b> of the program, to include the reinstatement fees for any suspension that is the result of an eligible offense, regardless of whether the person has completed the term of the suspension, but requires a participant to complete each applicable suspension (<i>R.C. 4510.103(E) and 4510.104(E)</i>).</p>

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<b>Future eligibility for program</b>	
Specifies that a person who receives a reduction or waiver through the program is not eligible for a subsequent reduction or waiver through the program (R.C. 4510.101(D)(3)).	Specifies that a person who receives a reduction or waiver in the <b>2<sup>nd</sup> phase</b> of the program is not eligible for a subsequent reduction or waiver through the program. (Anyone who participates in the 1 <sup>st</sup> phase of the program is not eligible to participate in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of the program.) (R.C. 4510.104(D)).
<b>Eligible offenses</b>	
Includes solicitation (when a motor vehicle is involved) on the list of eligible offenses for participation in the program (R.C. 4510.101(A)(1)).	No provision.
<b>Administration of the program</b>	
<p>No provision. (Current law generally requires proof of financial responsibility for reinstating a driver's license after a suspension. For instance, see R.C. 4509.101, not in the bill.)</p> <p>Requires the Director to place a participant in the program who is receiving a reduction of reinstatement fees on a payment plan for the remaining fees (R.C. 4510.101(E)(1)).</p> <p>Requires a participant who makes a payment in-person at a deputy registrar office to pay a \$5 deputy registrar/BMV fee (R.C. 4510.101(E)(2)).</p>	<p>Requires a participant in the program to provide proof of financial responsibility when the participant has their driver's license reinstated (R.C. 4510.105(A)).</p> <p>Same, but specifies that the payment plan is to be used when a person does not pay the remaining fees in full and authorizes the Director to include in the payment plan the reinstatement fees a person owes for offenses that are <b>not</b> eligible for or included in the program (R.C. 4510.105(B)).</p> <p>Requires a participant who makes a payment in person at a deputy registrar office to pay a \$10 deputy registrar/BMV fee (consistent with current law for other reinstatement fee payments) (R.C. 4510.105(C)).</p>

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<b>Notification about the program</b>	
<p>Requires the Director to send a notice to a person regarding program eligibility. <i>(Implies that the person will receive multiple notices over time about the program each time an offense becomes eligible and the person has not previously participated)</i> (R.C. 4510.101(F)).</p> <p>Requires a person who receives the notice to either submit the first installment payment or to submit proof of indigency (and have that proof accepted) to officially become a participant in the program (R.C. 4510.101(F)(2)(a)).</p> <p>Requires the notice to contain a statement regarding the total amount of reinstatement fees a person owes under the program, the amount of each installment payment, and the total number of installment payments (R.C. 4510.101(F)(2)(c)).</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Same, but requires the notice to be sent only once to the person. Authorizes the Director to send additional notices to a person as the Director determines appropriate (R.C. 4510.106(A) and (C)).</p> <p>Instead, requires the Director to enroll the person receiving the notice into the applicable phase of the program and informs the person that the person may either begin making payments or may submit proof of indigency (R.C. 4510.106).</p> <p>Instead, specifies that the notice must contain both of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A statement that \$25 is the minimum installment payment. (Keeps a requirement that the notice list what outstanding reinstatement fees are being reduced).</li> <li>2. A statement explaining that the person needs to complete any term of suspension ordered by the court, if not already completed, before the person's driver's license may be reinstated (R.C. 4510.106(B)(2), (3), and (5) and (D)(2), (3), and (5)).</li> </ol> <p>Authorizes the Director to remove a person's name and any associated debts owed to the Department of Public Safety from the Department's records if the Director discovers that a person is deceased prior to sending the notification required by the bill (R.C. 4510.107(A)(2)).</p>