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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- During the period of emergency, requires any person, including Representatives, attending sessions or committee meetings of the House of Representatives, to wear a face covering during the session and while attending the meeting.
- Makes an exception for persons under the age of two, and persons unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition or a recommendation from the Ohio Department of Health.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Face coverings in the House of Representatives

The bill, during the period of emergency declared by the Governor,¹ requires any person physically attending a general session of the House of Representatives, or a meeting of a standing committee, subcommittee, select committee, or joint committee of the House, to wear a mask or cloth face covering. This includes Representatives. The person's mouth and nose must be covered. The bill makes an exception for persons under two years old, and persons unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition or recommendation by the Ohio Department of Health.

The bill also declares an emergency.²

¹ Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020.

² Sections 1 and 2 of the bill.

HISTORY

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