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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

H.B. 244 of the 134th General Assembly

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Amendments adopted on the Senate floor on June 28, 2021, added the following provisions:

Public schools and higher education institutions – vaccinations

Prohibits a public school or state institution of higher education from doing either of the following:

1. Requiring an individual to receive a vaccine that is not yet fully approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration; or
2. Discriminating against an individual who has not received the vaccine, including by requiring the individual to engage in or refrain from engaging in activities or precautions that differ from the activities or precautions of an individual who has received such a vaccine.

Specifies that these prohibitions do not apply to a hospital or other health care facility that is owned or operated by or affiliated with a state institution of higher education.

ODH authority – quarantine and isolation

Specifies that the Department of Health's authority in matters of quarantine and isolation allows the Department to quarantine or isolate, for up to 48 hours, individuals traveling to Ohio from another country for which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued the highest level of travel health notice due to an outbreak of communicable or contagious disease in that country, and the notice is currently in effect when the individual arrives in Ohio, regardless of whether the individual has been medically diagnosed with, or come into direct contact with an individual who has been medically diagnosed with, that disease.

Requires the Department to provide the quarantined or isolated individual with transportation, lodging, food, and any necessary medical examination, testing, or treatment during that period.