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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

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House Health

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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 Introduced)	Latest Version (I_134_0968-4)
<b>Anesthesiologist direct supervision and immediate presence</b>	
<p>Repeals the requirement that an anesthesiologist assistant practice only under the <b>direct supervision</b> of an anesthesiologist and instead requires the assistant to practice under an anesthesiologist's <b>supervision</b> (<i>R.C. 4760.08</i>).</p> <p>Repeals in part the requirement that an anesthesiologist assistant practice only in the immediate presence of an anesthesiologist, by permitting the assistant to provide certain services without being in the supervising anesthesiologist's immediate presence (<i>R.C. 4760.08 and 4760.09(B)</i>).</p>	<p>Maintains the current law requirement that an anesthesiologist assistant practice under an anesthesiologist's <b>direct supervision</b> (<i>R.C. 4760.08</i>).</p> <p>Retains the existing law requirement that the anesthesiologist assistant practice and provide services in the supervising anesthesiologist's immediate presence (<i>R.C. 4760.08</i>).</p>

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No provision.	<p>Specifies that the phrase “<b>direct supervision and in the immediate presence of,</b>” which is not defined under current law, means all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The supervising anesthesiologist remains physically present at the health care facility where the anesthesiologist assistant is providing services;</li><li>▪ The supervising anesthesiologist is available for immediate diagnosis and treatment during emergencies;</li><li>▪ 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;</li><li>▪ 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;</li><li>▪ 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;</li><li>▪ 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. (R.C. 4760.01.)</li></ul>

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<b>Scope of practice</b>	
<p>Maintains anesthesiologist assistant authority to engage in many of the activities and services provided for in existing law, while also authorizing an anesthesiologist assistant to engage in other activities and services, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Performing preanesthetic preparation and evaluation, postanesthetic preparation and evaluation, postanesthesia care, clinical support functions, and any other function described in the written practice protocol;</li> <li>▪ Ordering and evaluating one or more diagnostic tests for conditions related to the administration of anesthesia;</li> <li>▪ Selecting, ordering, and administering treatments, drugs, and intravenous fluids for conditions related to the administration of anesthesia;</li> <li>▪ Directing registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and respiratory therapists to provide supportive care and administer treatments, drugs, and intravenous fluids to treat conditions related to the administration of anesthesia. <i>(R.C. 4760.09.)</i></li> </ul>	<p>Same, but establishes conditions on an anesthesiologist assistant's authority to provide such services, by requiring all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ That the supervising anesthesiologist request the assistant to provide the service;</li> <li>▪ That the requested service be consistent with the assistant's education, training, and licensure;</li> <li>▪ That the requested service be among those that the assistant is authorized to provide under the written practice protocol required by current law and adopted by the supervising anesthesiologist;</li> <li>▪ That the anesthesiologist assistant not be prohibited from providing the requested service by statutory law or rule adopted by the State Medical Board. <i>(R.C. 4760.09, with conforming changes in R.C. 4760.10.)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Practice locations</b>	
<p>Repeals provisions that limit the locations where an anesthesiologist assistant may practice to only hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities <i>(R.C. 4760.08)</i>.</p>	<p>Same, but also generally refers to an anesthesiologist assistant and supervising anesthesiologist practicing in a health care facility <i>(R.C. 4760.08, with conforming changes in R.C. 4760.10 and 4760.16)</i>.</p>