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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Senate Health

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Exceptions to electronic prescribing

Authorizes veterinarians to issue written prescriptions for schedule II controlled substances by adding an exception to the bill's general requirement that those prescriptions be electronic.

For 12 months after the bill's effective date, authorizes prescribers to issue written rather than electronic prescriptions for schedule II controlled substances that are to be dispensed by pharmacists employed by or under contract with any state agency.

Pilot to dispense controlled substances in lockable containers

Modifies an existing pilot program for dispensing schedule II controlled substances in lockable or tamper-evident containers by:

- Expressly stating that pharmacy participation in the pilot program is voluntary; and
- Modifying an existing provision regarding the Department's selection of pharmacies to be included in the pilot program by requiring the selection to be made from among those pharmacies that volunteer.

Overdose reversal drugs

Defines "overdose reversal drug" as naloxone and any other drug that the Pharmacy Board designates through rules as a drug that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the reversal of a known or suspected opioid-related overdose.

Replaces existing references to "naloxone" in the Revised Code with "overdose reversal drug."

Out-of-state physician consultation with Ohio-licensed physician

Requires an Ohio-licensed physician who receives a consultation from an out-of-state physician to have an established physician-patient relationship with the patient who is the

subject of the consultation, in place of current law that requires the Ohio-licensed physician to be responsible for the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of that patient.

Home-like pediatric respite care programs

Provides for licensure of an additional type of pediatric respite care program that provides inpatient respite care and related services, including skilled nursing care, in a home-like setting for up to 10 children who have been diagnosed with life-threatening diseases and conditions, but who may not necessarily be leading up to the final stages of illness and death.

Generally, applies the same licensure requirements as existing pediatric respite care providers under current law, but also requires the home-like programs to maintain birth certificates and certified guardianship letters of authority for any patient who receives care for longer than thirty days, unless that requirement is waived by the Director of Health.