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SUMMARY

- Requires a state department, agency, or office that issues a license or another authorization to a person to practice a trade or profession to require applicants to apply through an electronic licensing system.
- Permits a department, agency, or office to adopt a policy allowing an applicant to apply for a license or another authorization using a paper application.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Electronic license applications

The bill requires a state department, agency, or office that issues a license, certificate, registration, or other authorization to a person to practice a trade or profession to require an applicant for an initial license or another authorization to apply through an electronic licensing system. A department, agency, or office also may adopt a policy that allows a person to submit a paper application. If the department, agency, or office adopts such a policy under the bill, it cannot require a person to submit a paper application and must accept an electronic application submitted through the electronic licensing system used by the department, agency, or office.

The Ohio Supreme Court is not subject to the bill's requirements when issuing initial licenses pursuant to rules governing admission to the practice of law.¹

¹ R.C. 4743.06.

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