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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 Reported by House Families and Aging)	Latest Version (I_135_0633-9)
Doula services	
Specifies that Board of Nursing certification of doulas and Medicaid coverage of doula services is to begin one year after the bill's effective date (R.C. 4723.89(B) and 5164.071(B)).	Instead, requires the Board of Nursing to certify doulas beginning October 3, 2024, and does not specify a date for the beginning of Medicaid doula coverage (but continues to require that doulas providing services through Medicaid be certified by the Board of Nursing) (R.C. 4723.89(B) and 5164.071(B)).
No provision.	Repeals an uncodified section from H.B. 33 of the 135 th General Assembly that sunsets the Revised Code provisions regarding doula services in five years. The repeal results in those provisions remaining permanent, as under the As Reported version of the bill (Section 3).

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Continuous Medicaid enrollment for young children

Requires the Medicaid Director to establish a Medicaid waiver component to provide continuous enrollment for Medicaid-eligible children from birth through age three (R.C. 5166.45(B)).

No provision (an identical provision was enacted in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).

Specifies that a child who is eligible for Medicaid will remain eligible for the continuous eligibility until the earlier of (1) the end of a continuous 48-month period, or (2) the date the child exceeds age four (R.C. 5166.45(B)).

No provision (an identical provision was enacted in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).

Exempts from the waiver a child who is deemed presumptively eligible for Medicaid, is eligible for alien emergency medical assistance, or is eligible for the refugee medical assistance program (R.C. 5166.45(C)).

No provision (an identical provision was enacted in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).

Healthy Beginnings at Home

Appropriates \$15.0 million in FY 2024 in GRF line item 195419, Healthy Beginnings at Home, to be used by the Department of Development, in coordination with ODH, to support stable housing initiatives for pregnant mothers and to improve maternal and infant health outcomes (Section 10).

Instead, appropriates \$5.0 million in FY 2024 and \$3.0 million in FY 2025 in GRF line item 830402, Healthy Beginnings at Home, to be used by the Department of Children and Youth (ODCY), for this same purpose (Section 16). (Funding for this program was moved to the new ODCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).

Appropriates \$1.0 million in both FY 2024 and FY 2025 in GRF line item 195419, Healthy Beginnings at Home, to fund Move to Prosper efforts, which makes affordable rental housing available in neighborhoods that offer access to opportunities (Section 10).

No provision (H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly appropriates \$500,000 in each fiscal year for these efforts in GRF line item 830402).

Requires the Department of Development, within one year of the bill's effective date, to submit a report to the General Assembly detailing the number of families served by stable housing initiatives, including Move to Prosper efforts, the number and type of services provided, and outcome metrics including health and developmental outcomes.

Instead, requires ODCY to submit the report, and removes the requirement that Move to Prosper efforts be included in the report.

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Part C Early Intervention

Appropriates \$2.0 million in FY 2024 in GRF line item 322421, Part C Early Intervention, to be used by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to provide Part C early intervention services to infants born at certain gestational ages who are referred for services (Section 11).

Instead, appropriates this amount for the same purposes under ODCY GRF line item 830405, Part C Early Intervention (Section 16). (Funding for Part C activities was moved to the new ODCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

Grants the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood authority to make recommendations to the ODJFS Director concerning the funding, approval, and implementation of fatherhood programs meeting at least one of the four purposes of the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant (R.C. 5101.805).

Authorizes ODJFS to provide TANF block grant funding to an entity that the Commission recommended and that has entered into an agreement with ODJFS to receive TANF funds (R.C. 5101.801).

Makes conforming changes to the law governing the administration of Title IV-A programs, a type of TANF-funded program (*R.C. 3125.18, 5101.342, 5101.80, and 5153.16*).

No provision (an identical provision was enacted in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).

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Help Me Grow

Appropriates \$5.0 million in FY 2024 and \$3.0 million in FY 2025 and requires the following: (1) \$2.0 million in FY 2024 in GRF line item 440458, Help Me Grow, to be used for home visiting services and to screen infants who were born at low birth weights and between certain gestational ages to determine if the infant could benefit from receiving Part C Early Intervention Services, and (2) requires the remaining appropriations to be used to support certain home visiting and parenting programming efforts (Section 12).

Instead, appropriates these amounts for the same purposes under ODCY GRF line item 830403, Help Me Grow, and used in coordination with ODH (Section 16). (Funding for Help Me Grow was moved to the new ODCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).

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Infant Vitality

Appropriates (1) \$1.0 million in each fiscal year in GRF line item 440474, Infant Vitality, to be used for Centering Pregnancy services and similar programs in areas of the state where there are gaps in such services, as identified by the Director of Health, and (2) \$1.0 million in each fiscal year to be used to establish a community-based grant program to expand access to infant vitality supports (Section 12).

Instead, appropriates these amounts for the same purposes under ODCY GRF line item 830404, Infant Vitality, and requires the Director of Children and Youth to identify the areas of the state with gaps in services (Section 16). (Funding for infant vitality activities was moved to the new ODCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).

Early Childhood Mental Health Counselors and Consultation

Appropriates \$6.0 million in each fiscal year in GRF line item 336511, Early Childhood Mental Health Counselors and Consultation, to first be used for the development of online and other training tools, service and referral supports, and to evaluate program impact with a child care professional cohort; any remaining funds are to be used to support early childhood mental health consulting, coaching, and training in behavior management, and mental health supports for child care assistant teachers and lead teachers to address needs of young children, in conjunction with their parents (Section 14).

Instead, appropriates these amounts for the same purposes under ODCY GRF line item 830505, Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) (Section 16). (Funding for early childhood mental health activities was moved to the new ODCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly).