



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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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.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (LSC 131 0622-2)
<p><b>Extension of statute of limitations for rape or sexual battery</b></p>	<p>Provides that, in a case in which "DNA analysis" implicates an identified person in the commission of rape or sexual battery, no statute of limitations that otherwise would preclude prosecution of the offense precludes its prosecution until a period of time following the implication of the person by DNA analysis has elapsed that is equal to the otherwise applicable period of limitation (i.e. 20 years under current law) (R.C. 2901.13(B)(3)(a)).</p>	<p>Provides that, if a "DNA record" made in connection with the criminal investigation of rape or sexual battery is determined to match another DNA record that is of an identifiable person, the period of limitation may be extended as follows:</p> <p>(1) If at the time of the determination the period of limitation has expired, prosecution of that person may be commenced within five years after the date on which a laboratory report stating such determination is published; or</p> <p>(2) If at the time of the determination the period of limitation has not expired, prosecution of that person may be commenced within the longer of 20 years after the offense is committed or five years after the date on which a laboratory report stating such determination is published. (R.C. 2901.13(D).)</p>

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<b>Definitions</b>	Specifies that "DNA analysis" has the same meaning as in the Criminal Background Check Law (R.C. 2901.13(B)(3)(b), by reference to R.C. 109.573).	Specifies that "DNA record" has the same meaning as in the Criminal Background Check Law (R.C. 2901.13(D)(3), by reference to R.C. 109.573).
<b>Applicability of changes</b>	No provision.	Provides that the above amendments apply to the offense of rape or sexual battery committed on and after the act's effective date and apply to either offense committed prior to that effective date if prosecution for the offense was not barred under the period of limitation as it existed on the day prior to the act's effective date (Section 3).
<b>Emergency clause</b>	No provision.	Declares an emergency, the reason for the necessity being that the changes in law made in the act are crucially needed to ensure that as many persons who commit rape or sexual battery as possible are prosecuted and punished in the interest of public safety (Section 4).

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