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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)	Latest Version (I_136_2571-1)
Zero-based budgeting – start and frequency	Requires budget submissions from the Governor, starting for the 137th General Assembly, to be based on zero-based budgeting principles (R.C. 107.03(E) and 126.025(B)).	Delays the start of zero-based budgeting to the 138th General Assembly (R.C. 107.03(F) and 126.025(B)).
	Requires the Governor to submit a zero-based budget every ten years after the 137th General Assembly (R.C. 107.03(E) and 126.025(B)).	No provision.

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Zero-based budgeting – selected agencies	No provision.	Requires the Senate Finance Committee Chairperson or the House of Representatives Finance Chairperson, on a rotating basis, to do the following: ▪ Select at least one-third of the state agencies to submit their estimates to OBM using zero-based budgeting, but allows each Chairperson to add agencies to the list, at the Chairperson's discretion; and ▪ Notify, in writing, the Senate President, House Speaker, Director of the Legislative Service Commission, and the OBM Director of the state agencies that are selected (R.C. 126.026(A)).
	No provision.	Requires the applicable Chairperson to do the above tasks by June 30 of each even-numbered year (R.C. 126.026(A)).
	No provision.	Exempts the following from the zero-based budgeting requirements: ▪ Elected officials; ▪ The General Assembly, including any legislative agency; and ▪ The Supreme Court, including any judicial agency (R.C. 126.026(B)).

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	Establishes administrative requirements for the OBM Director and all state agencies to follow when preparing and submitting zero-based budgets (R.C. 126.025(B)).	Modifies these requirements to apply to the agencies selected by the applicable Chairperson (R.C. 126.025(B)).

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