



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Reps. Sears and Ginter

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules to require any facility authorized to perform abortions to dispose of the product of human conception by burial, cremation, or an approved hospital type of incineration.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Disposition of the product of human conception

The bill removes from the Revised Code the requirement that the Director of Health adopt rules relating to the "[h]umane disposition of the product of human conception."¹ Instead, the bill requires the Director to adopt rules that instruct facilities authorized to perform abortions to dispose of the product of human conception by one of the following methods: burial, cremation, or an approved hospital type of incineration.² The bill does not provide definitions for "burial," "cremation," or "approved hospital type of incineration."

The rules adopted under the bill must be consistent with R.C. 2317.56, which imposes various "informed consent" requirements for abortions and provides for the publication on the Department of Health's website of abortion information as well as information about family planning, prenatal care, child care, and abortion alternatives. It is not clear how the rules to be adopted under the bill are to be made consistent with R.C. 2317.56.³

¹ R.C. 3701.341.

² R.C. 3701.3411.

³ R.C. 2317.56, not in the bill.

HISTORY

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