



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits a subdivision (municipal corporation, township, or county) from materially hindering or preventing its personnel from carrying and using naloxone.
 - Prohibits disbursing funds in the state's possession or custody to a subdivision that violates the above prohibition.
 - Provides that the bill's provisions have no impact on subdivision residents obtaining payment from the state.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Subdivisions cannot prohibit their personnel regarding naloxone

The bill prohibits subdivisions (municipal corporations, townships, or counties¹) from restricting their personnel's access or use of naloxone. Specifically, it prohibits a subdivision from enacting or maintaining an ordinance, policy, directive, rule, or resolution that would materially hinder or prevent a subdivision officer or employee from either:

- Obtaining, maintaining, or accessing naloxone; or
- Administering naloxone to an individual who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.²

¹ R.C. 9.64(A).

² R.C. 9.64(B).

Consequence for a subdivision's violation

The bill provides that, regardless of any conflicting law, the state may not disburse any funds in its possession or custody to a subdivision that violates the above prohibition.³

No consequence to residents

The bill states that its provisions have no impact on a subdivision resident obtaining payment from the state.⁴

Naloxone background

The drug naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.⁵ It counteracts the respiratory and central nervous system depression caused by the overdose, allowing the victim to breathe normally.⁶

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-22-18

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³ R.C. 9.64(C).

⁴ R.C. 9.64(D).

⁵ U.S. National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, *Naloxone Injection*, available at www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/meds/a612022.html (last visited June 12, 2018).

⁶ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and World Health Organization, *Opioid overdose: preventing and reducing opioid overdose mortality*, at p. 7, available at www.who.int/substance_abuse/publications/opioid_overdose.pdf?ua=1 (last visited June 12, 2018).

