



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits a mandatory reporter of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult age 60 or older to request from the county department of job and family services certain information regarding the investigation of the report.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Status reports regarding adult protective services investigations

The bill permits a person who is required to report the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult age 60 or older (a mandatory reporter) to make a reasonable number of requests to a county department of job and family services for information concerning the report. Current law identifies numerous individuals as mandatory reporters, including attorneys, licensed health professionals, peace officers, members of the clergy, and certified public accountants.¹

Under the bill, a mandatory reporter may request the following information:

- Whether the county department has initiated an investigation, is continuing to investigate, or is otherwise involved with the adult who is the subject of the report;
- The general status of the health and safety of the adult who is the subject of the report;

¹ R.C. 5101.63(A)(2). Citations in this analysis to R.C. 5101.63 refer to the future version that takes effect September 29, 2018.

- Whether the report has resulted in the filing of a civil complaint or criminal charges.²

When a county department receives a report from a mandatory reporter, the bill requires the county department to inform the person of the right to request the information described above. The recipient of the report must indicate in the initial report that the reporter was informed, and, if the reporter provides a name, address, and telephone number, that information must be included in the report. For a mandatory reporter to request the information described above, the person must have provided the person's name, address, and telephone number when making the report.

When a request for the information described above is made, the identity of the person making the request must be verified. If verified, the county department is required to provide the requested information a reasonable number of times. The bill prohibits the county department from disclosing any confidential information regarding the adult who is the subject of the report, other than the information listed above.³

The bill's requirements also apply to other agencies that are authorized under current law to investigate these types of reports.⁴ Examples include referrals when the adult who is the subject of the report is an individual with a developmental disability or a resident of a long-term care facility or nursing home.⁵

HISTORY

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² R.C. 5101.63(F)(2)(a).

³ R.C. 5101.63(F)(2)(b).

⁴ R.C. 5101.63(F)(2)(d).

⁵ R.C. 5101.64 (effective September 29, 2018), not in the bill.

