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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.

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_133_0240-2)
Ohio SPCA duties and the Ohio Humane Society	
Removes all references to the Ohio Humane Society in the Revised Code. (The Ohio Humane Society was originally intended to function as a statewide animal and children’s welfare organization. However, the Society is currently operating only in Hamilton County, under the name Families Forward, as a children’s welfare organization. ¹ Thus, there is no functioning statewide organization created in statute that is	Same (<i>R.C. 1717.03, 1717.04, and 1717.14, repealed; conforming changes in R.C. 955.16, 959.131 959.132, 1717.02, 1717.05, 1717.08, and 1717.09</i>).

¹ See <https://www.familiesforward.net/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1012>.

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<p>devoted to animal welfare.) <i>(R.C. 1717.03 and 1717.04; 1717.14, repealed; conforming changes in R.C. 955.16, 959.13, 1717.02, 1717.05, 1717.08, and 1717.09.)</i></p> <p>Changes references in law of the “Ohio Humane Society” to the “Ohio Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Ohio SPCA), specifies that the Ohio SPCA is a humane society, grants to the Ohio SPCA statewide authority with all of the powers of a county humane society, and does all of the following with respect to the Ohio SPCA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requires the Ohio SPCA to submit an annual report of enforcement activities to the appropriate county sheriff <i>(Section 5)</i>; 2. Grants Ohio SPCA agents the same pay under the same approval process that applies to county humane society agents <i>(R.C. 1717.07)</i>; 3. Authorizes the Ohio SPCA to appoint agents to represent it within a specified jurisdiction of a county or of a municipal corporation where no active county humane society exists <i>(R.C. 1717.04(A))</i>; and 4. Creates parity in Ohio law between county humane society agents and agents of the Ohio SPCA relating to training <i>(R.C. 109.73)</i>; fine money <i>(R.C. 959.131(H))</i>; granting of specific authority <i>(R.C. 1717.04(E) and 1717.06)</i>; inspections of premises where a dangerous wild animal or restricted snake is confined <i>(R.C. 935.19 and 935.20)</i>; and the duty to report abuse <i>(R.C. 2151.421 and 5101.63)</i>. 	<p>Eliminates references to the Ohio SPCA as a statewide humane society and eliminates all associated powers granted to the Ohio SPCA by the As Introduced version of the bill. (Thus, county humane societies will function as the state authorized animal welfare organizations.) <i>(R.C. 1717.03, 1717.04, and 1717.14, repealed; conforming changes in R.C. 109.73, 935.19, 935.20, 955.16, 959.131, 959.132, 1717.02, 1717.05, 1717.06, 1717.07, 1717.08, 1717.09, 2151.421, 5101.63, and Section 5.)</i></p>
<p>Humane societies organized as a branch of the Ohio Humane Society</p>	
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Specifies that local branches of the Ohio Humane Society organized prior to the effective date of the bill continue to have the same powers and duties of county humane societies. (In certain counties, where no county humane society operates, these local branches currently perform all duties of a county humane society. The bill specifies that</p>

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	each local branch is considered to be a county humane society for purposes of all laws regarding county humane societies.) (R.C. 1717.05(E).)
No provision.	Specifies that a humane society agent that was appointed prior to the effective date of the bill by a branch of the Ohio Humane Society is considered to be a humane society agent for purposes of all laws regarding humane society agents (R.C. 1717.06(B); conforming change in Section 4).