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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.

The As Introduced version of H.B. 67 creates a program that allows a veterinarian to receive continuing education credits if the veterinarian performs free spaying and neutering services. The latest version, I_133_0512-2, removes all provisions in the As Introduced version. Instead, it creates the Veterinarian Student Debt Assistance Program. Under the program, the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board may agree to repay all or part of any educational loans taken out by a veterinarian if the veterinarian has performed charitable veterinarian services and agrees to perform additional charitable veterinarian services while enrolled in the program.

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_133_0512-2)
Continuing education credits for spay and neuter services	
Allows a licensed veterinarian to receive up to two continuing education credits every two years for performing free spaying and neutering services.	No provision.

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<p>Specifies that for every one hour of free spaying and neutering services performed, a veterinarian receives 1/2 hour of continuing education credits.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>
<p>Requires a veterinarian to make provisions for free follow-up services for any postoperative complications that arise within 24 hours of performing the surgery, and requires the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board to adopt policies and procedures regarding those postoperative services (<i>R.C. 4741.16</i>).</p>	<p>No provision.</p>
Veterinarian Student Debt Assistance Program	
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Creates the Veterinarian Student Debt Assistance Program (“program”), which allows the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (“Board”), by means of a contract, to agree to repay all or part of any educational loans taken out by a veterinarian while in veterinary college (<i>R.C. 4741.50(B)</i>).</p>
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Specifies that a veterinarian is eligible to apply to the program if the person meets all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The veterinarian has performed charitable veterinarian services in an amount and of a type determined by the Board in rules (charitable veterinarian services must include free spay and neutering services); ▪ The veterinarian is a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident of the U.S.; ▪ The veterinarian is licensed and has been engaged in the practice or instruction of veterinary medicine in Ohio for more than six months prior to application; ▪ The veterinarian has taken out an educational loan that was used for educational expenses incurred while the veterinarian was enrolled in a veterinary college; and

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No provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The veterinarian is not either a member of the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board at the time application is submitted or an active participant in the program (<i>R.C. 4741.52(A)</i>).
No provision.	Specifies that the Board may approve an eligible veterinarian for participation in the program after selecting eligible applicants via a lottery system developed in rules adopted by the Board (<i>R.C. 4741.53(A) and (B)</i>).
No provision.	<p>Specifies that once the Board selects a veterinarian, the Board must enter into discussions with the veterinarian to determine if the veterinarian agrees to do both of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perform charitable veterinarian services in Ohio in an amount and for a duration of time established in rules; and ▪ Reside in Ohio for a minimum duration of time established in rules (<i>R.C. 4741.53(C)</i>).
No provision.	Requires a veterinarian who agrees to those terms to prepare, sign, and deliver to the Board a letter of intent stipulating the agreed to terms (<i>R.C. 4741.53(C) and (D)</i>).
No provision.	Once the Board receives the letter of intent, specifies that the veterinarian and the Board may enter into a contract for the veterinarian's participation in the program (<i>R.C. 4741.54(A)</i>).

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No provision.	<p>Requires the contract to include all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An agreement by the veterinarian to perform specified charitable veterinarian services and to reside in Ohio for a specified duration of time; ▪ An agreement by the Board to repay all or part of an educational loan taken by the veterinarian; ▪ An assignment to the Board of the duty to pay principal and interest of an educational loan; ▪ The terms of the assignment, including the total amount of principal and interest to be paid, an amortization schedule, and the amount of each payment to be made under the schedule; and ▪ An agreement by the veterinarian to pay the Board damages in an amount specified in the contract, up to the amount the Board awarded to the veterinarian, if the veterinarian fails to complete their obligations (<i>R.C. 4741.54(B)</i>).
No provision.	Requires the Board to give all applicants the same award amount in a given year that is between \$5,000 and \$10,000 (<i>R.C. 4741.51(B)</i>).
No provision.	Creates the Veterinarian Student Debt Assistance Fund to be used by the Board to pay for the loan repayments of veterinarians in the program, and specifies that the fund generally consists of money received for issuing veterinarian licenses and registrations (<i>R.C. 4741.56, 4741.57, and 4743.05(D)</i>).

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No provision.	Requires the Board to post annual information on the Board’s website that includes all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The total number of veterinarians who applied to participate in the program within the prior 12 months;▪ The total amount of money awarded to program participants within the prior 12 months; and▪ Any other information the Board determines to be pertinent (<i>R.C. 4741.55</i>).