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A BILL

To enact sections 3701.1310, 3902.50, and 3902.51 of the Revised Code to require health plan issuers to cover endometriosis and to require the creation of information materials on endometriosis.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3701.1310, 3902.50, and 3902.51 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3701.1310. (A) The department of health shall, in consultation with the department of education, create age-appropriate informational materials that the department shall provide to school districts, and also to health care practitioners upon request, for distribution to students and patients, educating them about endometriosis, as defined in section 3902.50 of the Revised Code, and its symptoms.

(B) The materials shall include all of the following:

(1) The timing, signs, and symptoms of endometriosis;
(2) The importance of menstrual health and its impacts on a person's physical, emotional, social, and academic life;

(3) Basic statistics on endometriosis;

(4) Best practices on how to be one's own health care advocate;

(5) Basic treatment options for endometriosis, as well as recommendations for follow-up care from a health-care provider.

(C) The department of health shall periodically review and update these materials.

(D) The department shall make these materials available on its internet web site.

Sec. 3902.50. As used in sections 3902.50 and 3902.51 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Cost-sharing requirement" means the cost to a covered person under a health benefit plan according to any coverage limit, copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or other out-of-pocket expense requirement.

(B) "Covered person," "health benefit plan," and "health plan issuer" have the same meanings as in section 3922.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Endometriosis" means a disease in which tissue similar to the lining of the uterus grows in places in the body other than the uterus.

Sec. 3902.51. (A) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, a health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, modified, or renewed on or after the effective date of this section shall provide coverage for the diagnosis and
treatment of endometriosis.

(B) Division (A) of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting a health plan issuer from imposing a cost-sharing requirement with regard to the required coverage.