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SUMMARY

- Requires hospital emergency departments and freestanding emergency departments to be supervised by physicians.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Physician supervision of emergency departments

The bill requires a hospital or facility to ensure all of the following during a hospital emergency department or freestanding emergency department's operating hours:

- A physician is on duty and physically present at the emergency department;
- A physician supervises the emergency department's medical and nursing staff and is immediately available to the staff;
- A physician coordinates the emergency department's provision of emergency care, including by being continuously involved in appropriate components of such care.¹

The bill defines a "**freestanding emergency department**" as a facility that provides emergency care and is structurally separate and distinct from a hospital. A "**physician**" is defined as an individual authorized under Ohio law to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.²

¹ R.C. 3722.15(B).

² R.C. 3722.15(A).

HISTORY

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