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SUMMARY

- Specifies that the member of a board of health of a general health district or combined health district that is required to be a physician under current law may instead be a physician, physician assistant, or certified nurse practitioner.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Composition of specified boards of health

Under continuing law unchanged by the bill, all areas of the state must be included in a health district – either a city health district, a general health district, or a combined health district. Ohio law specifies that each city in Ohio constitutes a health district. A general health district is comprised of all parts of a county, including townships and villages, that are not included in a city health district.[1] Additionally, health districts may form a union of districts or otherwise combine to share resources, resulting in a combined health district.

Each health district must have a board of health, which serves as the policymaking body of the health district. In a general health district, the board of health consists of five members appointed by a district advisory council. Current law requires that one member be a physician. Under the bill, this member must instead be (1) a physician, (2) a physician assistant, or (3) a certified nurse practitioner.[2]

As mentioned above, health districts can form a combined health district by agreement. One type of combined health district results when one or more city health districts unite with a general health district. When establishing this type of combined health district, current law requires the combining health districts to enter into a contract specifying the governance of the

[1] R.C. 3709.01, not in the bill.

[2] R.C. 3709.03(B).

health district. By contract, the combined health district can set forth the number of members of the board of health governing the combined district, except that one member must be a physician. Under the bill, this specified member must instead be (1) a physician, (2) a physician assistant, or (3) a certified nurse practitioner.[3]

HISTORY

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[3] R.C. 3709.07.