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## Bill Analysis

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**Version:** As Passed by the Senate

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Reineke

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### SUMMARY

- Adds definitions for “electric vehicle” and “electric vehicle charging station” to Ohio’s Competitive Retail Electric Services (CRES) laws.
- Declares electric vehicle charging stations are a CRES that consumers may obtain from any supplier, subject to Ohio’s CRES laws.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Electric vehicle charging stations

The bill declares “electric vehicle” (EV) charging stations supplied to consumers within the certified territory of an electric utility, or an electric cooperative that made certain irrevocable filings with the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) under current law, are a competitive retail electric service (CRES). Current law declares retail electric generation, aggregation, power marketing and brokerage services as CRES. The CRES designation means electric utilities regulated by PUCO, such as investor-owned electric distribution utilities, cannot provide EV charging stations. Additionally, providers of EV charging stations would be subject to PUCO certification requirements under continuing law, unchanged by the bill.

Under the bill, an EV is a vehicle that is powered wholly by a system that can be recharged via an external source of electricity, including a vehicle for public or private use that is a passenger car, commercial car or truck, a vehicle used for public transit, a vehicle used in a vehicle fleet, a vehicle used in construction work, and a vehicle used in industrial or warehouse work. “Electric vehicle charging station” means behind the meter electric equipment by which electric current is transferred to the power system of an EV.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4928.01(A)(44) and (45), 4928.03, 4928.041; R.C. 4928.08, not in the bill.

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## HISTORY

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