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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.

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_134_1136-2)
BMV information form on Hands-Free Law	
No provision.	Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to create a one-page form to be given to all applicants for issuance and renewal of a motor vehicle registration and a driver's license that explains the laws surrounding use of an electronic wireless communications device (EWCD) while operating a motor vehicle.
No provision.	Requires all applicants for issuance and renewal of a motor vehicle registration and a driver's license to sign a statement (either physically or electronically) acknowledging receipt of the form (<i>R.C. 4503.201 and 4507.214</i>).

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Driver's education	
No provision.	Requires the written driver's test for a temporary instruction permit, driver's license, or motorcycle/motor-driven cycle/motor scooter endorsement to test a person's knowledge of the use of an EWCD while operating a motor vehicle (<i>R.C. 4507.11</i>).
No provision.	Requires driver's education instruction to include education on the dangers of distracted driving generally (rather than only texting while driving, as under current law) (<i>R.C. 4508.02</i>).
Highway warning signs	
No provision.	Requires the Department of Transportation to erect signs regarding the EWCD-while-driving prohibition on certain highways and locations entering Ohio (<i>R.C. 4511.122</i>).
Six-month warning period	
No provision.	Specifies that for the first six months after the effective date of the act, a law enforcement officer may only issue a written warning to a motor vehicle operator for violating the EWCD-while-driving prohibition.
No provision.	Specifies that the written warning may notify the operator of the specific date when law enforcement officers will be authorized to issue a ticket, citation, and summons for violations of the EWCD-while-driving prohibition.
No provision.	Authorizes full enforcement of the EWCD-while-driving prohibition after the six-month interim period (<i>Section 3</i>).