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TWENTY-SECOND DAY  
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio  
**Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 9:00 o'clock a.m.**

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to House Rule No. 23, the Clerk called the House to order.

Representative Ray was selected to preside under the Rule.

The journal of the previous legislative day was read and approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following bills were introduced:

**H. B. No. 184** - Representative Carfagna.

To amend section 742.38 of the Revised Code to revise Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund disability determination procedures.

**H. B. No. 185** - Representative Sweeney.

Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Crossman, Ginter, Ingram, LaRe, Lepore-Hagan, Lipps, Miller, A., Miller, J., Miranda, Pavliga, Riedel, Russo, Schmidt, Smith, K., Troy, Weinstein, West, Hoops.

To enact section 5.2527 of the Revised Code to designate March as "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month."

**H. B. No. 186** - Representatives Swearingen, Wilkin.

Cosponsors: Representatives LaRe, Riedel, Seitz, Click, Carfagna, Gross, Edwards, Cross, Hillyer, Kelly, Weinstein, Ingram, Carruthers.

To amend sections 5747.01 and 5747.10 and to enact sections 193.01, 193.02, 193.03, 193.04, 193.05, 193.06, and 193.07 of the Revised Code to enact the First-time Home Buyer Savings Act, authorizing income tax deductions for contributions to and earnings on savings accounts designated for the purchase of a home.

**H. B. No. 187** - Representatives Kelly, Lipps.

Cosponsors: Representatives Riedel, Smith, K., West, Boggs, Brown, Ingram, Lepore-Hagan, Howse, Brent, Denson, Liston, Miller, A., Miller, J., O'Brien, Russo, Skindell, Weinstein, Boyd, Crawley, Crossman, Leland, Miranda, Sweeney, Galonski, Lightbody, Sobecki, Upchurch, Sheehy, Troy, Jarrells, Hicks-Hudson, Smith, M., Blackshear, Sykes, Grendell, Jones, Manning, Patton, Vitale, Wiggam, Seitz, Robinson, Oelslager.

To enact section 4113.14 of the Revised Code to require an employer to provide earnings and deductions statements to each of the employer's employees.

**H. B. No. 188** - Representatives Lampton, Cross.

Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Ingram, Young, T., Riedel, LaRe, Ginter, Kick, Carfagna.

To enact section 3901.80 of the Revised Code to prohibit insurers from discriminating against living organ donors.

**H. B. No. 189** - Representative Young, B.

Cosponsors: Representatives Ginter, Miller, J., Stoltzfus, Lanese, Young, T.

To amend sections 3902.50, 3902.60, and 3902.70 and to enact sections 5.22108, 3902.62, and 5164.092 of the Revised Code to require health plan issuers and the Medicaid program to cover treatments and services related to Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

**H. B. No. 190** - Representatives Ginter, Miller, A.

Cosponsors: Representatives Kick, Cutrona, LaRe, Cross, Riedel, Miller, J., Crawley, Young, T., Fowler Arthur, McClain, Patton, Sheehy.

To amend sections 149.30 and 155.99 and to enact section 155.28 of the Revised Code to prohibit a war relic located on public property or cemetery association property from being sold, disturbed, or otherwise disposed of, except under certain circumstances, and to designate this act as the "Ohio Veterans' Heritage Protection Act."

**H. B. No. 191** - Representative Cutrona.

Cosponsors: Representatives Jones, Brent, Abrams, LaRe, West, Ray, Stoltzfus, Ghanbari, Pavliga, Kick, Plummer, Click, Roemer, Ginter, Riedel, Seitz, Miller, J., McClain.

To enact section 5534.501 of the Revised Code to designate a bridge along State Route 164 in Mahoning County as the "Don Manning Memorial Bridge."

**H. B. No. 192** - Representative Cutrona.

Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Stephens.

To enact section 4933.40 of the Revised Code to prohibit counties, townships, and municipal corporations from prohibiting energy generation from fossil fuels and gas pipelines.

**H. B. No. 193** - Representatives Cutrona, Pavliga.

Cosponsors: Representatives Gross, Miller, J., LaRe, Click, Schmidt.

To amend section 3719.05 of the Revised Code regarding electronic prescriptions and schedule II controlled substances.

**H. B. No. 194** - Representatives Sheehy, Lepore-Hagan.

Cosponsors: Representatives Hillyer, Kelly, Lightbody, Miller, A., Miller, J., O'Brien, Skindell, Smith, K., Sobecki, Weinstein.

To enact section 4999.09 of the Revised Code regarding two-person freight train crews.

**H. B. No. 195** - Representatives Sheehy, Lepore-Hagan.

Cosponsors: Representatives Blackshear, Hillyer, Liston, Miller, A., Miller, J., Skindell, Smith, K., Sobecki, Weinstein.

To amend sections 4907.01, 4907.99, 5589.21, 5589.24, and 5589.99 and to enact sections 4907.70, 4907.71, and 4907.72 of the Revised Code regarding rail yard walkway safety and illumination and public roadway obstruction that delays emergency vehicles.

**H. B. No. 196** - Representatives Kelly, Carruthers.

Cosponsors: Representatives Carfagna, O'Brien, Miller, J., Weinstein, Ginter, Miller, A., Liston.

To amend sections 4731.07 and 4731.071 and to enact sections 4785.01, 4785.02, 4785.03, 4785.04, 4785.05, 4785.06, 4785.07, and 4785.08 of the Revised Code to regulate the practice of surgical assistants.

Said bills were considered the first time.

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES AND BILLS  
FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION**

Representative Liston submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Families, Aging, and Human Services to which was referred **H. B. No. 92**-Representatives Abrams, Loychik, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back with the following amendments and recommends its passage when so amended.

**RE: REQUIRE SPECIFIED REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE IN  
MILITARY FAMILIES**

Representative Cutrona moved to amend the title as follows:

Add the names: "Cutrona, Liston, Click, Edwards, John"

Representative Abrams moved to amend as follows:

Delete lines 10 through 657

After line 657, insert:

**"Sec. 2151.421.** (A)(1)(a) No person described in division (A)(1)(b) of this section who is acting in an official or professional capacity and knows, or

has reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child shall fail to immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as otherwise provided in this division or section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the public children services agency or a peace officer in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. If the person making the report is a peace officer, the officer shall make it to the public children services agency in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. In the circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the entity specified in that section.

(b) Division (A)(1)(a) of this section applies to any person who is an attorney; health care professional; practitioner of a limited branch of medicine as specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code; licensed school psychologist; independent marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist; coroner; administrator or employee of a child day-care center; administrator or employee of a residential camp, child day camp, or private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camp; administrator or employee of a certified child care agency or other public or private children services agency; school teacher; school employee; school authority; peace officer; humane society agent; dog warden, deputy dog warden, or other person appointed to act as an animal control officer for a municipal corporation or township in accordance with state law, an ordinance, or a resolution; person, other than a cleric, rendering spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets of a well-recognized religion; employee of a county department of job and family services who is a professional and who works with children and families; superintendent or regional administrator employed by the department of youth services; superintendent, board member, or employee of a county board of developmental disabilities; investigative agent contracted with by a county board of developmental disabilities; employee of the department of developmental disabilities; employee of a facility or home that provides respite care in accordance with section 5123.171 of the Revised Code; employee of an entity that provides homemaker services; employee of a qualified organization as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code; a host family as defined in section 2151.90 of the Revised Code; foster caregiver; a person performing the duties of an assessor pursuant to Chapter 3107. or 5103. of the Revised Code; third party employed by a public children services agency to assist in providing child or family related services; court

appointed special advocate; or guardian ad litem.

(c) If two or more health care professionals, after providing health care services to a child, determine or suspect that the child has been or is being abused or neglected, the health care professionals may designate one of the health care professionals to report the abuse or neglect. A single report made under this division shall meet the reporting requirements of division (A)(1) of this section.

(2) Except as provided in division (A)(3) of this section, an attorney or a physician is not required to make a report pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section concerning any communication the attorney or physician receives from a client or patient in an attorney-client or physician-patient relationship, if, in accordance with division (A) or (B) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code, the attorney or physician could not testify with respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding.

(3) The client or patient in an attorney-client or physician-patient relationship described in division (A)(2) of this section is deemed to have waived any testimonial privilege under division (A) or (B) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code with respect to any communication the attorney or physician receives from the client or patient in that attorney-client or physician-patient relationship, and the attorney or physician shall make a report pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section with respect to that communication, if all of the following apply:

(a) The client or patient, at the time of the communication, is a child under eighteen years of age or is a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment.

(b) The attorney or physician knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in similar position to suspect that the client or patient has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the client or patient.

(c) The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the client's or patient's attempt to have an abortion without the notification of her parents, guardian, or custodian in accordance with section 2151.85 of the Revised Code.

(4)(a) No cleric and no person, other than a volunteer, designated by any church, religious society, or faith acting as a leader, official, or delegate on behalf of the church, religious society, or faith who is acting in an official or professional capacity, who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to believe, that a child under eighteen years of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or

faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child, and who knows, or has reasonable cause to believe based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to believe, that another cleric or another person, other than a volunteer, designated by a church, religious society, or faith acting as a leader, official, or delegate on behalf of the church, religious society, or faith caused, or poses the threat of causing, the wound, injury, disability, or condition that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect shall fail to immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to believe to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as provided in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the public children services agency or a peace officer in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect is occurring or has occurred. In the circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, the person making the report shall make it to the entity specified in that section.

(b) Except as provided in division (A)(4)(c) of this section, a cleric is not required to make a report pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this section concerning any communication the cleric receives from a penitent in a cleric-penitent relationship, if, in accordance with division (C) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code, the cleric could not testify with respect to that communication in a civil or criminal proceeding.

(c) The penitent in a cleric-penitent relationship described in division (A)(4)(b) of this section is deemed to have waived any testimonial privilege under division (C) of section 2317.02 of the Revised Code with respect to any communication the cleric receives from the penitent in that cleric-penitent relationship, and the cleric shall make a report pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this section with respect to that communication, if all of the following apply:

(i) The penitent, at the time of the communication, is a child under eighteen years of age or is a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment.

(ii) The cleric knows, or has reasonable cause to believe based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in a similar position to believe, as a result of the communication or any observations made during that communication, the penitent has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the penitent.

(iii) The abuse or neglect does not arise out of the penitent's attempt to have an abortion performed upon a child under eighteen years of age or upon a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or

physical impairment without the notification of her parents, guardian, or custodian in accordance with section 2151.85 of the Revised Code.

(d) Divisions (A)(4)(a) and (c) of this section do not apply in a cleric-penitent relationship when the disclosure of any communication the cleric receives from the penitent is in violation of the sacred trust.

(e) As used in divisions (A)(1) and (4) of this section, "cleric" and "sacred trust" have the same meanings as in section 2317.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) Anyone who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect based on facts that would cause a reasonable person in similar circumstances to suspect, that a child under eighteen years of age, or a person under twenty-one years of age with a developmental disability or physical impairment, has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or other condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child may report or cause reports to be made of that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect to the entity or persons specified in this division. Except as provided in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, a person making a report or causing a report to be made under this division shall make it or cause it to be made to the public children services agency or to a peace officer. In the circumstances described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, a person making a report or causing a report to be made under this division shall make it or cause it to be made to the entity specified in that section.

(C) Any report made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section shall be made forthwith either by telephone or in person and shall be followed by a written report, if requested by the receiving agency or officer. The written report shall contain:

(1) The names and addresses of the child and the child's parents or the person or persons having custody of the child, if known;

(2) The child's age and the nature and extent of the child's injuries, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to have occurred or of the threat of injury, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to exist, including any evidence of previous injuries, abuse, or neglect;

(3) Any other information, including, but not limited to, results and reports of any medical examinations, tests, or procedures performed under division (D) of this section, that might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injury, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to have occurred or of the threat of injury, abuse, or neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed, as applicable, to



exist.

(D)(1) Any person, who is required by division (A) of this section to report child abuse or child neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed to have occurred, may take or cause to be taken color photographs of areas of trauma visible on a child and, if medically necessary for the purpose of diagnosing or treating injuries that are suspected to have occurred as a result of child abuse or child neglect, perform or cause to be performed radiological examinations and any other medical examinations of, and tests or procedures on, the child.

(2) The results and any available reports of examinations, tests, or procedures made under division (D)(1) of this section shall be included in a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section. Any additional reports of examinations, tests, or procedures that become available shall be provided to the public children services agency, upon request.

(3) If a health care professional provides health care services in a hospital, children's advocacy center, or emergency medical facility to a child about whom a report has been made under division (A) of this section, the health care professional may take any steps that are reasonably necessary for the release or discharge of the child to an appropriate environment. Before the child's release or discharge, the health care professional may obtain information, or consider information obtained, from other entities or individuals that have knowledge about the child. Nothing in division (D)(3) of this section shall be construed to alter the responsibilities of any person under sections 2151.27 and 2151.31 of the Revised Code.

(4) A health care professional may conduct medical examinations, tests, or procedures on the siblings of a child about whom a report has been made under division (A) of this section and on other children who reside in the same home as the child, if the professional determines that the examinations, tests, or procedures are medically necessary to diagnose or treat the siblings or other children in order to determine whether reports under division (A) of this section are warranted with respect to such siblings or other children. The results of the examinations, tests, or procedures on the siblings and other children may be included in a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(5) Medical examinations, tests, or procedures conducted under divisions (D)(1) and (4) of this section and decisions regarding the release or discharge of a child under division (D)(3) of this section do not constitute a law enforcement investigation or activity.

(E)(1) When a peace officer receives a report made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section, upon receipt of the report, the peace officer

who receives the report shall refer the report to the appropriate public children services agency, unless an arrest is made at the time of the report that results in the appropriate public children services agency being contacted concerning the possible abuse or neglect of a child or the possible threat of abuse or neglect of a child.

(2) When a public children services agency receives a report pursuant to this division or division (A) or (B) of this section, upon receipt of the report, the public children services agency shall do both of the following:

(a) Comply with section 2151.422 of the Revised Code;

(b) If the county served by the agency is also served by a children's advocacy center and the report alleges sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child that is specified in the memorandum of understanding that creates the center as being within the center's jurisdiction, comply regarding the report with the protocol and procedures for referrals and investigations, with the coordinating activities, and with the authority or responsibility for performing or providing functions, activities, and services stipulated in the interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code relative to that center.

(F) No peace officer shall remove a child about whom a report is made pursuant to this section from the child's parents, stepparents, or guardian or any other persons having custody of the child without consultation with the public children services agency, unless, in the judgment of the officer, and, if the report was made by physician, the physician, immediate removal is considered essential to protect the child from further abuse or neglect. The agency that must be consulted shall be the agency conducting the investigation of the report as determined pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) Except as provided in section 2151.422 of the Revised Code or in an interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code that applies to the particular report, the public children services agency shall investigate, within twenty-four hours, each report of child abuse or child neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed to have occurred and of a threat of child abuse or child neglect that is known or reasonably suspected or believed to exist that is referred to it under this section to determine the circumstances surrounding the injuries, abuse, or neglect or the threat of injury, abuse, or neglect, the cause of the injuries, abuse, neglect, or threat, and the person or persons responsible. The investigation shall be made in cooperation with the law enforcement agency and in accordance with the memorandum of understanding prepared under division (K) of this section. A representative of the public children services agency shall, at the time of initial contact with the person subject to the

investigation, inform the person of the specific complaints or allegations made against the person. The information shall be given in a manner that is consistent with division (I)(1) of this section and protects the rights of the person making the report under this section.

A failure to make the investigation in accordance with the memorandum is not grounds for, and shall not result in, the dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from the report or the suppression of any evidence obtained as a result of the report and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving, any rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief to any person. The public children services agency shall report each case to the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system that the department of job and family services shall maintain in accordance with section 5101.13 of the Revised Code. The public children services agency shall submit a report of its investigation, in writing, to the law enforcement agency.

(2) The public children services agency shall make any recommendations to the county prosecuting attorney or city director of law that it considers necessary to protect any children that are brought to its attention.

(H)(1)(a) Except as provided in divisions (H)(1)(b) and (I)(3) of this section, any person, health care professional, hospital, institution, school, health department, or agency shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability for injury, death, or loss of person or property that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of any of the following:

(i) Participating in the making of reports pursuant to division (A) of this section or in the making of reports in good faith, pursuant to division (B) of this section;

(ii) Participating in medical examinations, tests, or procedures under division (D) of this section;

(iii) Providing information used in a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section or providing information in good faith used in a report made pursuant to division (B) of this section;

(iv) Participating in a judicial proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to division (A) of this section or participating in good faith in a proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to division (B) of this section.

(b) Immunity under division (H)(1)(a)(ii) of this section shall not apply when a health care provider has deviated from the standard of care applicable to the provider's profession.

(c) Notwithstanding section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, the physician-patient privilege shall not be a ground for excluding evidence regarding a child's injuries, abuse, or neglect, or the cause of the injuries, abuse, or neglect in any judicial proceeding resulting from a report submitted pursuant to this section.

(2) In any civil or criminal action or proceeding in which it is alleged and proved that participation in the making of a report under this section was not in good faith or participation in a judicial proceeding resulting from a report made under this section was not in good faith, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs and, if a civil action or proceeding is voluntarily dismissed, may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the party against whom the civil action or proceeding is brought.

(I)(1) Except as provided in divisions (I)(4) and (O) of this section and sections 2151.423 and 2151.4210 of the Revised Code, a report made under this section is confidential. The information provided in a report made pursuant to this section and the name of the person who made the report shall not be released for use, and shall not be used, as evidence in any civil action or proceeding brought against the person who made the report. Nothing in this division shall preclude the use of reports of other incidents of known or suspected abuse or neglect in a civil action or proceeding brought pursuant to division (N) of this section against a person who is alleged to have violated division (A)(1) of this section, provided that any information in a report that would identify the child who is the subject of the report or the maker of the report, if the maker of the report is not the defendant or an agent or employee of the defendant, has been redacted. In a criminal proceeding, the report is admissible in evidence in accordance with the Rules of Evidence and is subject to discovery in accordance with the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (I)(2)(b) of this section, no person shall permit or encourage the unauthorized dissemination of the contents of any report made under this section.

(b) A health care professional that obtains the same information contained in a report made under this section from a source other than the report may disseminate the information, if its dissemination is otherwise permitted by law.

(3) A person who knowingly makes or causes another person to make a false report under division (B) of this section that alleges that any person has committed an act or omission that resulted in a child being an abused child or a neglected child is guilty of a violation of section 2921.14 of the Revised Code.

(4) If a report is made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section

and the child who is the subject of the report dies for any reason at any time after the report is made, but before the child attains eighteen years of age, the public children services agency or peace officer to which the report was made or referred, on the request of the child fatality review board or the director of health pursuant to guidelines established under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code, shall submit a summary sheet of information providing a summary of the report to the review board of the county in which the deceased child resided at the time of death or to the director. On the request of the review board or director, the agency or peace officer may, at its discretion, make the report available to the review board or director. If the county served by the public children services agency is also served by a children's advocacy center and the report of alleged sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child is specified in the memorandum of understanding that creates the center as being within the center's jurisdiction, the agency or center shall perform the duties and functions specified in this division in accordance with the interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code relative to that advocacy center.

(5) A public children services agency shall advise a person alleged to have inflicted abuse or neglect on a child who is the subject of a report made pursuant to this section, including a report alleging sexual abuse of a child or another type of abuse of a child referred to a children's advocacy center pursuant to an interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code, in writing of the disposition of the investigation. The agency shall not provide to the person any information that identifies the person who made the report, statements of witnesses, or police or other investigative reports.

(J) Any report that is required by this section, other than a report that is made to the state highway patrol as described in section 5120.173 of the Revised Code, shall result in protective services and emergency supportive services being made available by the public children services agency on behalf of the children about whom the report is made, in an effort to prevent further neglect or abuse, to enhance their welfare, and, whenever possible, to preserve the family unit intact. The agency required to provide the services shall be the agency conducting the investigation of the report pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code.

(K)(1) Each public children services agency shall prepare a memorandum of understanding that is signed by all of the following:

(a) If there is only one juvenile judge in the county, the juvenile judge of the county or the juvenile judge's representative;

(b) If there is more than one juvenile judge in the county, a juvenile judge or the juvenile judges' representative selected by the juvenile judges or,

if they are unable to do so for any reason, the juvenile judge who is senior in point of service or the senior juvenile judge's representative;

(c) The county peace officer;

(d) All chief municipal peace officers within the county;

(e) Other law enforcement officers handling child abuse and neglect cases in the county;

(f) The prosecuting attorney of the county;

(g) If the public children services agency is not the county department of job and family services, the county department of job and family services;

(h) The county humane society;

(i) If the public children services agency participated in the execution of a memorandum of understanding under section 2151.426 of the Revised Code establishing a children's advocacy center, each participating member of the children's advocacy center established by the memorandum.

(2) A memorandum of understanding shall set forth the normal operating procedure to be employed by all concerned officials in the execution of their respective responsibilities under this section and division (C) of section 2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, division (B) of section 2919.23, and section 2919.24 of the Revised Code and shall have as two of its primary goals the elimination of all unnecessary interviews of children who are the subject of reports made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section and, when feasible, providing for only one interview of a child who is the subject of any report made pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section. A failure to follow the procedure set forth in the memorandum by the concerned officials is not grounds for, and shall not result in, the dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from any reported case of abuse or neglect or the suppression of any evidence obtained as a result of any reported child abuse or child neglect and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving, any rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief to any person.

(3) A memorandum of understanding shall include all of the following:

(a) The roles and responsibilities for handling emergency and nonemergency cases of abuse and neglect;

(b) Standards and procedures to be used in handling and coordinating investigations of reported cases of child abuse and reported cases of child neglect, methods to be used in interviewing the child who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused or neglected, and standards and procedures addressing the categories of persons who may interview the child

who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused or neglected.

(4) If a public children services agency participated in the execution of a memorandum of understanding under section 2151.426 of the Revised Code establishing a children's advocacy center, the agency shall incorporate the contents of that memorandum in the memorandum prepared pursuant to this section.

(5) The clerk of the court of common pleas in the county may sign the memorandum of understanding prepared under division (K)(1) of this section. If the clerk signs the memorandum of understanding, the clerk shall execute all relevant responsibilities as required of officials specified in the memorandum.

(L)(1) Except as provided in division (L)(4) or (5) of this section, a person who is required to make a report pursuant to division (A) of this section may make a reasonable number of requests of the public children services agency that receives or is referred the report, or of the children's advocacy center that is referred the report if the report is referred to a children's advocacy center pursuant to an interagency agreement entered into under section 2151.428 of the Revised Code, to be provided with the following information:

(a) Whether the agency or center has initiated an investigation of the report;

(b) Whether the agency or center is continuing to investigate the report;

(c) Whether the agency or center is otherwise involved with the child who is the subject of the report;

(d) The general status of the health and safety of the child who is the subject of the report;

(e) Whether the report has resulted in the filing of a complaint in juvenile court or of criminal charges in another court.

(2) A person may request the information specified in division (L)(1) of this section only if, at the time the report is made, the person's name, address, and telephone number are provided to the person who receives the report.

When a peace officer or employee of a public children services agency receives a report pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section the recipient of the report shall inform the person of the right to request the information described in division (L)(1) of this section. The recipient of the report shall include in the initial child abuse or child neglect report that the person making the report was so informed and, if provided at the time of the making of the

report, shall include the person's name, address, and telephone number in the report.

Each request is subject to verification of the identity of the person making the report. If that person's identity is verified, the agency shall provide the person with the information described in division (L)(1) of this section a reasonable number of times, except that the agency shall not disclose any confidential information regarding the child who is the subject of the report other than the information described in those divisions.

(3) A request made pursuant to division (L)(1) of this section is not a substitute for any report required to be made pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(4) If an agency other than the agency that received or was referred the report is conducting the investigation of the report pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code, the agency conducting the investigation shall comply with the requirements of division (L) of this section.

(5) A health care professional who made a report under division (A) of this section, or on whose behalf such a report was made as provided in division (A)(1)(c) of this section, may authorize a person to obtain the information described in division (L)(1) of this section if the person requesting the information is associated with or acting on behalf of the health care professional who provided health care services to the child about whom the report was made.

(M) The director of job and family services shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section. The department of job and family services may enter into a plan of cooperation with any other governmental entity to aid in ensuring that children are protected from abuse and neglect. The department shall make recommendations to the attorney general that the department determines are necessary to protect children from child abuse and child neglect.

(N) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is liable for compensatory and exemplary damages to the child who would have been the subject of the report that was not made. A person who brings a civil action or proceeding pursuant to this division against a person who is alleged to have violated division (A)(1) of this section may use in the action or proceeding reports of other incidents of known or suspected abuse or neglect, provided that any information in a report that would identify the child who is the subject of the report or the maker of the report, if the maker is not the defendant or an agent or employee of the defendant, has been redacted.

(O)(1) As used in this division:



(a) "Out-of-home care" includes a nonchartered nonpublic school if the alleged child abuse or child neglect, or alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, described in a report received by a public children services agency allegedly occurred in or involved the nonchartered nonpublic school and the alleged perpetrator named in the report holds a certificate, permit, or license issued by the state board of education under section 3301.071 or Chapter 3319. of the Revised Code.

(b) "Administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer" means the superintendent of the school district if the out-of-home care entity subject to a report made pursuant to this section is a school operated by the district.

(2) No later than the end of the day following the day on which a public children services agency receives a report of alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in or involved an out-of-home care entity, the agency shall provide written notice of the allegations contained in and the person named as the alleged perpetrator in the report to the administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer of the out-of-home care entity that is the subject of the report unless the administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer is named as an alleged perpetrator in the report. If the administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer of an out-of-home care entity is named as an alleged perpetrator in a report of alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in or involved the out-of-home care entity, the agency shall provide the written notice to the owner or governing board of the out-of-home care entity that is the subject of the report. The agency shall not provide witness statements or police or other investigative reports.

(3) No later than three days after the day on which a public children services agency that conducted the investigation as determined pursuant to section 2151.422 of the Revised Code makes a disposition of an investigation involving a report of alleged child abuse or child neglect, or a report of an alleged threat of child abuse or child neglect, that allegedly occurred in or involved an out-of-home care entity, the agency shall send written notice of the disposition of the investigation to the administrator, director, or other chief administrative officer and the owner or governing board of the out-of-home care entity. The agency shall not provide witness statements or police or other investigative reports.

(P) As used in this section:

(1) "Children's advocacy center" and "sexual abuse of a child" have the same meanings as in section 2151.425 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Health care professional" means an individual who provides health-related services including a physician, hospital intern or resident, dentist, podiatrist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, visiting nurse, licensed psychologist, speech pathologist, audiologist, person engaged in social work or the practice of professional counseling, and employee of a home health agency. "Health care professional" does not include a practitioner of a limited branch of medicine as specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code, licensed school psychologist, independent marriage and family therapist or marriage and family therapist, or coroner.

(3) "Investigation" means the public children services agency's response to an accepted report of child abuse or neglect through either an alternative response or a traditional response.

(4) "Peace officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer of a township or joint police district, marshal, deputy marshal, municipal police officer, or a state highway patrol trooper."

After line 687, insert:

"**Section 3.** Section 2151.421 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by H.B. 24, H.B. 33, and H.B. 166, all of the 133rd General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act."

The motion was agreed to and the bill so amended.

SUSAN MANCHESTER  
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JAY EDWARDS  
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CINDY ABRAMS  
GARY CLICK  
TIMOTHY E. GINTER  
STEPHANIE D. HOWSE  
C. ALLISON RUSSO  
DANIEL P. TROY

The report was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

Representative Sykes reported for the Rules and Reference committee recommending that the following House Bills and Senate Bills be considered for the second time and referred to the following committees for consideration:

**H. B. No. 176** - Representatives Carfagna and Hall

TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING AND TO AMEND THE VERSION OF SECTION 4755.62 OF THE REVISED CODE THAT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT ON OCTOBER 9, 2021, TO CONTINUE THE CHANGES TO THAT SECTION ON AND AFTER THAT DATE.

To the committee on Health

**H. B. No. 177** - Representatives Carfagna and Fraizer

TO ALLOW A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO UTILIZE DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY.

To the committee on Technology and Innovation

**H. B. No. 178** - Representatives Schmidt and Miller, A.

TO LIMIT THE WATER PRESSURE OF WATER FEATURES AT SWIMMING POOLS AND TO NAME THIS ACT MAKENNA'S LAW.

To the committee on Health

**H. B. No. 179** - Representatives Ginter and Fraizer

TO MODIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING EXPEDITED LICENSURE INSPECTIONS AND REVIEWING PLANS FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES AND TO LICENSE PROVIDERS OF HOME HEALTH SERVICES.

To the committee on Families, Aging, and Human Services

**H. B. No. 180** - Representative Abrams

TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF I-71 IN HAMILTON COUNTY AS THE "OFFICERS DENNIS BENNINGTON AND ROBERT SEIFFERT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY."

To the committee on Transportation and Public Safety

**H. B. No. 181** - Representative Powell

TO REQUIRE A LICENSING AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO COMPLETES A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND MEETS OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

To the committee on Commerce and Labor

**H. B. No. 182** - Representatives Upchurch and Miller, A.

TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN RENTAL HOUSING BASED ON LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME.

To the committee on Civil Justice

**H. B. No. 183** - Representatives Schmidt and Miller, A.

TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY AND TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF JURORS THAT MAY BE CHALLENGED IN CASES WHERE A DEFENDANT MAY BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

To the committee on Government Oversight

**S. B. No. 21** - Senators Antonio and Manning  
REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND STROKE  
PATIENT PROTOCOLS.

To the committee on Transportation and Public Safety

**Sub. S. B. No. 36** - Senators Manning and Huffman, S.  
TO REVISE THE ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS AND PROCEDURE FOR  
AWARDING REPARATIONS TO CRIME VICTIMS.

To the committee on Criminal Justice

**S. B. No. 42** - Senator Schaffer  
TO DESIGNATE THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER AS "OHIO  
DIABETES AWARENESS-HEART CONNECTION WEEK."

To the committee on Health

**S. B. No. 44** - Senators Rulli and Cirino  
TO REPEAL THE NUCLEAR RESOURCE CREDIT PAYMENT  
PROVISIONS, AND AMEND, AND RENAME AS SOLAR RESOURCE,  
THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE CREDIT PAYMENT PROVISIONS OF  
H.B. 6 OF THE 133RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To the committee on Public Utilities

ROBERT R. CUPP  
EMILIA STRONG SYKES  
RICHARD D. BROWN  
DON JONES  
PHIL PLUMMER

TIMOTHY E. GINTER  
CINDY ABRAMS  
PAULA HICKS-HUDSON  
SCOTT OELSLAGER  
BILL SEITZ

Representative Young, B. moved that the House and Constitutional Rules requiring bills to be considered by each house on three different days be suspended as to the second consideration of all House Bills and Senate Bills contained in the report of the committee on Rules and Reference.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

The report was agreed to.

Said House Bills and Senate Bills were considered the second time and referred as recommended.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Representative Sykes reported for the Rules and Reference committee recommending that the following resolutions be read by title only and approved:

**H. R. No. 25 - Representative Patton**

Honoring the Strongsville High School girls soccer team on winning the 2020

Division I State Championship.

**H. R. No. 26 - Representatives Sheehy and Hicks-Hudson**

Honoring Scotty Buff as a 2020-2021 Division I State Champion in swimming.

**H. R. No. 27 - Representative Sykes**

Honoring Jonny Marshall as a 2020-2021 Division I State Champion in swimming.

**H. R. No. 28 - Representatives Gross and Denson**

Honoring Dr. Tisha Menchhofer-Grote as the 2021 American Legion Educator of the Year for the State of Ohio.

/s/ROBERT R. CUPP

Robert R. Cupp, Chair

Representative Young, B. moved that the Rules and Reference committee report on resolutions be agreed to and that the resolutions contained therein be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER**

Pursuant to House Rules 13, 28, and 30, the Speaker hereby makes the following changes to the standing committee on Public Utilities:

Remove Representative Wilkin; appoint Representative Abrams.

On motion of Representative Young, B., the House adjourned until Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,  
Clerk.