



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 108**

128th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens.** R. Miller, Cafaro, Morano, D. Miller, Strahorn, Sawyer, Kearney, Wilson, Turner, Smith, Fedor, Schiavoni

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes the Hemophilia Advisory Council in the Department of Health.
- Requires the Council to advise the Director of Health on issues related to hemophilia and related bleeding disorders.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Hemophilia Advisory Council**

(R.C. 3701.0211)

#### **Council responsibilities**

The bill establishes the Hemophilia Advisory Council in the Department of Health and requires the Council to advise the Director of Health on all of the following:

- (1) Reviewing the effect of changes to existing programs and policies for persons with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders;
- (2) Developing standards of care and treatment for persons with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders;
- (3) Developing programs of care and treatment for persons with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders, including self-administration of medication, home care, medical and dental procedures, and techniques designed to provide maximum control over bleeding episodes;

(4) Reviewing data and making recommendations regarding the ability of persons with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders to obtain appropriate health insurance coverage and access to appropriate care;

(5) Coordinating with other state agencies and private organizations to develop community-based initiatives to increase awareness of hemophilia and related bleeding disorders.

The Council is to submit to the Governor and General Assembly an annual report with recommendations on increasing access to care and treatment and obtaining appropriate health insurance coverage for persons with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders.

### **Council membership**

The Council's membership is to consist of three nonvoting members and 11 voting members. The nonvoting members are (1) the Director of Health or the Director's designee, (2) the Superintendent of Insurance or the Superintendent's designee, and (3) a representative of the Department of Job and Family Services.

The voting members are to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than six may be of the same political party. The members must be appointed as follows:

(1) Two physicians currently treating patients with hemophilia or related bleeding disorders, one of whom specializes in pediatrics and one of whom specializes in the treatment of adults;

(2) A nurse currently treating patients with hemophilia or related bleeding disorders;

(3) A social worker currently treating patients with hemophilia or related bleeding disorders;

(4) A representative of a federally funded hemophilia treatment center;

(5) A representative of a health insuring corporation or sickness and accident insurer;

(6) A representative of an Ohio chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation that serves the community of persons with hemophilia and related bleeding disorders;

(7) An adult with hemophilia or caregiver of an adult with hemophilia;

(8) A caregiver of a minor with hemophilia;

(9) A person with a bleeding disorder other than hemophilia or caregiver of a person with a bleeding disorder other than hemophilia;

(10) A person with hemophilia who is a member of the Amish sect or a health professional currently treating such persons.

Appointments are to be made not later than 90 days after the bill's effective date. Except for the initial members, who are to be appointed for staggered terms of office of two, three, or four years, the terms of appointed members are two years. The voting members of the Council are to select, from the Council's members, a chairperson. Members of the Council are to serve without compensation, but are permitted to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the Council's duties.

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## HISTORY

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