



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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129th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Damschroder, Henne, Stinziano, Szollosi, Murray, Dovilla, Okey, Goodwin, Yuko

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Requires publication of written legislative committee testimony on the General Assembly's web site.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Committee testimony

The bill requires all written testimony submitted to a legislative committee to be posted on the General Assembly's web site not later than ten business days after the day of the meeting for which the testimony was submitted. The secretary assigned to the chairperson of the committee must submit the testimony to the Clerk of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, as appropriate, or to either Clerk's designee, for upload not later than five business days after the day of the meeting.<sup>1</sup>

Current law does not require public posting of testimony submitted to a committee. However, current law requires that a committee make its meeting minutes available to the public no later than seven days after the meeting or not later than the committee's next regular or special meeting, whichever occurs first. Under the bill, "committee" means any committee of either house of the General Assembly, a joint committee of both houses, including a committee of conference, or a subcommittee of those committees. Also, "meeting" means any prearranged discussion of the public business of a committee by a majority of its members.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 101.16.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 101.15.

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## HISTORY

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