



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Passed by the House)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Department of Health to create and make available on its website a Down syndrome information sheet.
- Requires that a specified health care professional or facility provide a copy of the information sheet to a patient under certain circumstances.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Down syndrome information sheet

The bill requires that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) create and make available on its website a Down syndrome information sheet that includes all of the following:

- (1) A description of Down syndrome, including its causes, effects on development, and potential complications;
- (2) Diagnostic tests;
- (3) Options for treatment and therapy;
- (4) Contact information for local, state, and national organizations that provide Down syndrome educational and support services and programs.

The bill also requires that ODH periodically review and update the information sheet. With respect to the medical information included in the sheet, ODH must include only information that is current and based on medical evidence.¹

Health care professionals and facilities

If a patient under the care of any of the following health care professionals or facilities receives a test result indicating Down syndrome or a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome, the health care professional or facility must provide the patient or the patient's representative a copy of the Down syndrome information sheet created by ODH:

- (1) A physician;
- (2) A certified nurse-midwife;
- (3) A licensed genetic counselor;
- (4) A hospital;
- (5) A maternity unit, newborn care nursery, or maternity home;
- (6) A freestanding birthing center.²

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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¹ R.C. 3701.66(A).

² R.C. 3701.66(B).

