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PUCCD7 Operational standards for public safety answering points

No provision.

R.C. *128.021*

Requires the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Steering Committee to update the operational standards for public safety answering points (PSAPs) to contain policies ensuring that PSAP personnel prioritize life-saving questions when responding to 9-1-1 calls and complete proper training, or provide proof of training, to give emergency instructions.

Fiscal effect: None.

No provision.

PUCCD9 Towing advertisement certificate number requirement

No provision.

No provision.

R.C. *4513.67*

Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules exempting certain types of advertising from provisions of law that require a towing service to include its certificate of public convenience and necessity number on all advertising.

Fiscal effect: None.

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PUCCD4 Regulation of intermodal equipment and records production

R.C. 4905.81, 4923.04, 4923.041

Grants the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) authority to regulate the safety of intermodal equipment providers, specifically by allowing PUCO to adopt rules governing the use and interchange of intermodal equipment. Enables PUCO to compel any officer, agent, or employee of such providers to produce all books, contracts, records, and documents that relate to compliance with motor-carrier-safety law.

Fiscal effect: None.

R.C. 4905.81, 4923.04, 4923.041

Same as the Executive.

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PUCCD2 Pipeline safety forfeitures

R.C. 4905.95

Increases the forfeitures that the Public Utilities Commission may assess upon pipeline operators from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for each day of each violation or noncompliance. Increases the aggregate limit for any related series of such forfeitures from \$1 million to \$2 million.

Fiscal effect: Updating the maximum pipeline safety forfeitures consistent with federal law may increase forfeiture revenues to the GRF depending on the incidence of pipeline safety violations.

No provision.

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PUCCD5 Basic local exchange service changes

R.C. 4927.10, 4905.71, 4927.01, 4927.02, 4927.07, 4927.101, 4927.11, 4927.15, Sections 363.20, 363.30, 749.10

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R.C. 4927.10, 1332.25, 4905.71, 4927.01, 4927.02, 4927.07, 4927.101, 4927.11, 4927.15, Sections 363.20, 363.30, 749.10

(1) Permits an incumbent local exchange carrier to withdraw or abandon basic local exchange service (BLES) in an exchange area if the carrier were to withdraw the interstate-access component of its BLES in accordance with an order of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Requires a carrier withdrawing or abandoning BLES to give 120 days' notice to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and affected customers.

(1) Same as the Executive.

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(2) Permits a residential customer who will be unable to obtain reasonable and comparatively priced voice service upon the withdrawal or abandonment of BLES to petition PUCO to find a willing provider of reasonable and comparatively priced voice service, and permits a collaborative process at PUCO to identify customers in this position.

(2) Same as the Executive.

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(3) Requires PUCO to define "reasonable and comparatively priced voice service."

(3) Same as the Executive.

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(4) Permits PUCO to order the withdrawing or abandoning carrier to provide reasonable and comparatively priced voice service to an affected customer for one year if no willing provider is identified after a PUCO investigation. Permits the order to be extended for an additional year if such voice service is still not available to the customer. Permits the PUCO to order the withdrawing or abandoning carrier to continue to provide such voice service to the affected

(4) Same as the Executive.

(4) Same as the Executive, but clarifies that any voice service that is provided to a customer that is adversely affected by the withdrawal or abandonment of BLES must be provided to an "affected customer at the customer's residence."

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customer, perhaps no longer at the customer's residence, for an unspecified length of time once the two 12-month periods lapse if no alternative reasonable and comparatively priced voice service is available.

(5) Requires PUCO to establish a collaborative process with incumbent local exchange carriers, competitive local exchange carriers providing BLES, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and other invited members to focus on the Internet-protocol-network transition process and related consumer issues.

(6) Ensures that an incumbent local exchange carrier that withdraws or abandons BLES under the bill would still be subject to PUCO's oversight of the rates, terms, and conditions for carrier access, pole attachments, and conduit occupancy. States that the bill does not affect any contractual obligation, including agreements under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended, or any right or obligation under federal law or rules.

(7) Requires PUCO to adopt rules that are consistent with the FCC rules to implement the above mentioned changes.

(8) Requires that DPF appropriation 870622, Utility and Railroad Regulation, must be used in part by PUCO to plan the transition, consistent with the directives and policies of the FCC, from the current public switched telephone network to an internet-protocol network. Requires that the transition plan include a review of statutes or rules that may prevent or delay an appropriate transition. Requires PUCO to report to the General Assembly on any further action required to be taken by the General Assembly to ensure a successful and timely transition.

(5) Same as the Executive, but (a) removes the limitation that competitive local exchange carriers must provide BLES in order to participate in the collaborative process; (b) adds cable operators as participants to the collaborative process; (c) expands the number of issues studied by the collaborative process to include wholesale competition.

(6) Same as the Executive.

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(8) Same as the Executive.

(5) Same as the Executive, but adds representatives of cable operators as participants in the collaborative process.

(6) Same as the Executive, but adds to the list of enumerated items that are not affected by the bill's telecommunications provisions by including any state law or rule adopted under the public-utilities law related to wholesale rights or obligations.

(7) Same as the Executive.

(8) Same as the Executive.

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(9) No provision.

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(9) States that, for purposes of applying to the Director of Commerce for a video service authorization, the video service area of a person using telecommunications facilities to provide video service is the geographic area in which the person offered BLES on September 24, 2007, rather than the geographic area in which the person offers BLES.

Fiscal effect: None.**Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.****Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.**

PUCCD8

Natural gas company economic development projects

R.C. 4929.164

No provision.

Permits a natural gas company to file an application with the Public Utilities Commission for approval of an economic development project if the project has been submitted to (instead of certified by) the Director of Development Services for the SiteOhio certification program.

Fiscal effect: Removing the requirement that SiteOhio economic development projects must be certified by the Director of Development Services may lead to more SiteOhio economic development project riders being approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

R.C. 4929.164

Same as the House.

Fiscal effect: Same as the House.

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PUCCD1 Utility Radiological Safety Board assessments

Section: 506.10

Specifies, absent contractual agreement, the maximum amounts that may be assessed against each nuclear electric utility under R.C. 4937.05 on behalf of four state agencies and deposited into the specified funds as follows: (1) \$125,000 in each fiscal year to the Utility Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 4E40) used by the Department of Agriculture; (2) \$1,086,098 in each fiscal year to the Radiation Emergency Response Fund (Fund 6100) used by the Department of Health; (3) \$298,304 in FY 2016 and \$303,174 in FY 2017 to the ER Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 6440) used by the Environmental Protection Agency; and (4) \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year to the Emergency Response Plan Fund (Fund 6570) used by the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal effect: Up to \$2.8 million in each fiscal year may be assessed against nuclear electric utilities and made available to the four state agencies for their statutory purposes.

Section: 506.10

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PUCCD10 Wind farm setback exception

No provision.

No provision.

Section: 749.20

Exempts a wind farm facility with an existing Power Siting Board certificate from being subject to the current setback requirements for amendments to the certificate if the certificate is sought to be amended within 90 days after the exemption provision takes effect and the amendment meets certain requirements.

Fiscal effect: None.

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DEVCD54	Competitive procurement process for Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) customers	
		R.C. 4928.54, 4928.541, 4928.542, 4928.543, 4928.544, 4928.55, 4928.581, 4928.582, 4928.583
No provision.	No provision.	(1) Requires the Director of Development Services to establish a competitive procurement process for the electric supply of customers under the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) program. (Under current law, the Director may competitively auction the supply.)
No provision.	No provision.	(2) Makes other changes related to the competitive procurement process, including requiring the process to result in (A) reduction in the electric service cost paid by PIPP customers, and (B) the best value for electric customers that pay the universal service rider, which funds PIPP through revenue into the Universal Service Fund (Fund 5M40).
No provision.	No provision.	(3) Requires the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to design, manage, and supervise the competitive procurement process, upon the request of the Director of Development Services; requires DSA to reimburse PUCO for costs incurred in performing these duties.
No provision.	No provision.	(4) Repeals a requirement that any difference between Fund 5M40 revenues and savings resulting from a competitive auction for the PIPP supply be reinvested in the Targeted Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Program.
No provision.	No provision.	(5) Requires the Public Benefits Advisory Board (a board already established under current law) to submit a report to certain members of the General Assembly, the Governor, the Director of Development Services, the Chairperson of

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the PUCO, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and the Board members by December 15, 2015, regarding funding for PIPP and other similar programs.

Fiscal effect: PIPP costs are paid from Universal Service Fund (Fund 5M40) appropriation item 195659, Low Income Energy Assistance (USF). Depending on when the competitive procurement process is completed, it may result in a decrease in expenditures from Fund 5M40 in the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium or in future fiscal years. Other administrative costs incurred would likely be absorbed into ongoing operating expenses. The Public Benefits Advisory Board is housed under DSA.

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DPSCD67 Towing standards

(1) No provision.

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R.C. 4513.69, 4513.70, 4921.25

(1) Transfers rule-making authority related to towing safety regulations from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Public Safety.

(2) No provision.

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(2) Requires the Director of Public Safety, rather than the Public Utilities Commission, to adopt rules that do all of the following: (a) establish the acceptable scope of public safety regulations applicable to a towing service that is engaged in the towing of motor vehicles from private property, private tow-away zones, or storing vehicles in possession of law enforcement or left on public property, (b) establish equipment safety standards, (c) establish additional standards for the removal of a vehicle from a private tow-away zone, (d) establish an after-hours retrieval fee, and (e) establish any other necessary requirements.

Fiscal effect: Negligible.