



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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(1) Removed from the bill the provision that would have increased the penalty for the offense of assault to a fourth degree felony if the victim was a health care professional, health care worker, or security officer of a hospital who is engaged in the performance of the individual's duties (removal of R.C. 2903.13(C)(3)(f)) and replaced that provision with provisions that:

(a) Authorize a \$5,000 fine for assault when the victim is a hospital health care professional, health care worker, or security officer whom the offender knows or has reasonable case to know is such a professional, worker, or officer, the victim is engaged in the performance of the victim's duties, and the hospital offers de-escalation or crisis intervention training for such professionals, workers, and officers (R.C. 2903.13(C)(7)(a)); and

(b) Increase the penalty for assault to a fifth degree felony when committed against any of the specified hospital personnel in the circumstances described above in (1)(a) if the offender previously was convicted of a specified homicide or assault offense committed against any of the specified hospital personnel in those circumstances (R.C. 2903.13(C)(7)(b)).

(2) Added to the bill provisions that:

(a) Authorize a \$5,000 fine for assault when the victim is a judge, magistrate, prosecutor, or court official or employee whom the offender knows or has reasonable case to know is a judge, magistrate, prosecutor, or court official or employee and the victim is engaged in the performance of the victim's duties (R.C. 2903.13(C)(8)(a));

(b) Increase the penalty for assault to a fifth degree felony when committed against any of the specified justice system personnel in the circumstances described above in (2)(a) if the offender previously was convicted of a specified homicide or assault offense committed against any of the specified justice system personnel in those circumstances (R.C. 2903.13(C)(8)(b));

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

(c) Include felony assault when committed against any of the hospital personnel or justice system personnel specified above in (1)(b) or (2)(b) in the circumstances specified in those paragraphs within the community control presumption of the Felony Sentencing Law (R.C. 2929.13(B)(1) and (K)(2));

(d) Make clarifying changes in the community control presumption of the Felony Sentencing Law (R.C. 2929.13(B)(1)(c)); and

(e) Authorize hospitals to post a warning sign indicating that abuse or assault of hospital staff will not be tolerated and might result in a felony conviction (R.C. 3727.18).