



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of House Committee Amendments*

Aida S. Montano

Sub. S.B. 261

130th General Assembly
(H. Judiciary)

The Committee made the following changes to the Senate-passed version of the bill:

(1) Specifies that if a person is charged with a violation of the offense of "violating a protection order," service of the protection order or consent agreement on the person is not required to prove the violation if the prosecution proves that the person had actual notice *of the existence and terms* (added by the Committee) of the order or agreement and proves that the person recklessly violated its terms.

(2) Defines "actual notice" as knowledge of the existence and terms of a protection order or agreement by being shown a time-stamped copy of the order or agreement by any means, including electronic means, by any person.