



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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As Reported by S. Local Gov't, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs

This table summarizes how the latest version of the bill, the As Reported by S. Local Gov't, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs, differs from the version that was passed by the House of Representatives. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same. This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.

Topic	Previous Version (As Passed by the House)	Current Version (As Reported by S. Local Gov't, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs)
Political subdivision	Allows a county, township, or municipal corporation to purchase an "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy" instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to give a bond. (R.C. 307.442, 505.604, and 701.02.)	Same, but also applies to school districts, community schools, and libraries or library districts. (R.C. 3.061, 3313.23, 3313.25, 3314.011, 3319.05, and 3375.32.)
Amount of bond	Requires the policy to provide for coverage in an amount equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the bond that would be required otherwise. (R.C. 307.442, 505.604, and 701.02.)	Same, but also specifies that if the law does not specify an amount of coverage for the bond, or specifies only a minimum amount, the policy must provide coverage for an amount agreed upon by the legislative authority or the authority otherwise designated by law to determine the amount of the bond. (R.C. 3.061(C)(4).)

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Commencement of official duties	No provision. No provision. No provision.	Requires the policy to be in effect and apply to an individual before the individual begins their term of office or their employment. Prohibits the individual from performing their official duties until policy coverage is documented as required by the legislative authority. Specifies that an individual who begins performing their official duties before the coverage is effective vacates the office. <i>(R.C. 3.061(B) and R.C. 3.30.)</i>
Qualified to hold office or employment	No provision.	Specifies that an individual who is insured under a policy is not disqualified from holding office or employment for lack of a bond. Rather, the individual qualifies once the individual has completed their oath of office as applicable and the policy is in effect. <i>(R.C. 3.061(C)(1) and (2) and R.C. 3.30.)</i>
References throughout Revised Code	Not included.	Amends the mandatory bonding requirement for officers, employees, and appointees of counties, townships, municipal corporations, school districts, community schools, and libraries or library districts, to make an exception for the use of a policy in lieu of a bond. <i>(R.C. 153.24, 305.04, 309.03, 311.02, 313.03, 315.03, 317.02, 319.02, 321.02, 325.071, 325.12, 329.01, 505.02, 505.03, 507.02, 507.021, 507.03, 509.02, 519.161, 705.27, 705.60, 733.65, 733.69, 735.03, 739.02, 747.01, 749.22, 755.23, 955.12, 1901.32, 1907.20, 2101.03, 2151.12, 2153.10, 2301.12, 2303.02, 3313.23, 3313.25, 3314.011, 3319.05, 3375.32, 5155.04, 5571.04, and 5593.05.)</i>