



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

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### **Sub. H.B. 131**

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(S. Health, Human Services & Medicaid)

#### **Physiotherapy**

Restores physiotherapy language to the As Introduced version, which clarifies current law specifying that "physical therapy" includes physiotherapy, in place of the House-passed version, which would have specified that "physiotherapy" is the same as "physical therapy."

#### **License application procedures**

Adds to the House-passed version a provision that eliminates current law requirements under which an application to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must be (1) notarized and (2) filed specifically with the *Secretary* of the Physical Therapy Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board.

#### **Physical therapy assistants**

Adds to the House-passed version the following changes to current law regarding licensure of physical therapy assistants:

--For purposes of licensure without having to pass a national examination within one year of applying, permits the OTPTAT Board to recognize an applicant's reasonably equivalent education from another country. (Current law only authorizes recognition of reasonably equivalent education from another state.)

--Eliminates a current law requirement that a license applicant complete a *two-year* education program, and instead, requires completion of a physical therapist assistant program of education.