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Version: As Reported by Senate Government Oversight & Reform

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Greenspan

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill secures what could be significant revenue for charter county hospitals that may be derived from employees or the use of hospital facilities or funding. As of March 2019, there was only one charter county hospital organization in Ohio, MetroHealth, located in Cleveland. The actual revenue protected by the bill will depend on the value of the specific intellectual property that is developed by hospital staff or on hospital premises.

Specifically, the bill requires that all rights and interests in discoveries, inventions, or patents made by any employee of a charter county hospital using hospital facilities or funding are the charter county hospital's property and not that of the employee. Additionally, the bill allows a board of county hospital trustees of a charter county hospital to retain, assign, license, transfer, sell, or otherwise dispose of, in whole or in part and upon such terms as the board may direct, any and all rights to, interests in, or income from any discoveries, inventions, or patents that the charter county hospital owns or may acquire.