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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. 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.

Previous Version (I_133_1055-2)	Latest Version (I_133_1055-10)
Physician, podiatrist, or dentist supervision and consultation	
Maintains existing law requiring a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) to practice under the supervision of a physician, podiatrist, or dentist, but also establishes a new requirement – that a CRNA consult with a physician, podiatrist, or dentist before performing activities authorized by the bill or already permitted under current law (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>).	Eliminates the requirement that a CRNA consult with a physician, podiatrist, or dentist, but retains current law requiring supervision (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>).

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CRNA authority to select anesthesia	
<p>Grants a CRNA authority to select anesthesia if the CRNA is in the immediate presence of a supervising practitioner (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>). (Also retains current law authorizing a CRNA to administer anesthesia in the practitioner’s immediate presence.)</p>	<p>Removes provisions authorizing a CRNA to select anesthesia, but maintains existing authority to administer anesthesia in the supervising practitioner’s immediate presence (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>).</p>
Clinical support functions, including delegation	
<p>Provides that a CRNA may perform clinical support functions, as under existing law, but requires the CRNA to do so in consultation with a physician (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>). (Neither current law nor either version of the substitute bill define “clinical support functions.”)</p> <p>Specifies that clinical support functions may be performed at any time (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>).</p> <p>Authorizes a CRNA, when performing clinical support functions, to order fluids, treatments, drugs, and one or more diagnostic tests and to evaluate test results (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>).</p>	<p>Removes the requirement that the nurse consult with a physician, but maintains CRNA authority to perform clinical support functions (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>).</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>Instead permits a CRNA, when performing clinical support functions, to direct a nurse or respiratory therapist to do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide supportive care, including monitoring vital signs, conducting electrocardiograms, and administering intravenous (IV) fluids; 2. Administer treatments, drugs, and IV fluids to treat conditions related to the administration of anesthesia, but only if a physician, dentist, or podiatrist ordered them (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B) and 4723.433</i>).

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Delegation generally	
<p>Allows a CRNA to direct a nurse or respiratory therapist to (1) provide supportive care and (2) administer treatments, drugs, and IV fluids to treat conditions related to the administration of anesthesia, but only if the CRNA does so during the time period that begins on the patient’s admission to a facility and ends on his or her discharge from recovery (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>).</p>	<p>Same, but unlike when a CRNA performs clinical support functions and delegates to a nurse or respiratory therapist the administration of treatments, drugs, or IV fluids for conditions related to anesthesia administration as part of those support functions (see “Clinical support functions, including delegation” above), does not require the treatments, drugs, and IV fluids to be ordered by a physician, dentist, or podiatrist (<i>R.C. 4723.434</i>).</p>
CRNA authority to perform other services and activities	
<p>Permits a CRNA to engage in the following services or activities not authorized under current law:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selecting, ordering, and administering pain relief therapies (the bill does not define “pain relief therapies”); 2. Selecting, ordering, and administering treatments, drugs, and IV fluids for conditions related to the administration of anesthesia; 3. Performing and documenting evaluations and assessments, which may include ordering and evaluating one or more diagnostic tests and consulting with one or more other health care professionals; 4. Establishing anesthesia care plans and determining whether planned anesthesia is appropriate; 5. Obtaining informed consent for anesthesia care; 6. Performing and documenting postanesthesia care preparation and evaluation (<i>R.C. 4723.43(B)</i>). 	<p>In the case of those services and activities, does the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eliminates CRNA authority under the bill to select, order, and administer pain relief therapies; 2. Retains provisions authorizing the CRNA to select, order, and administer treatments, drugs, and IV fluids for conditions related to anesthesia’s administration; 3. Retains provisions authorizing the performing and documenting of evaluations and assessments, but removes the language regarding consulting with other health care professionals; 4. Removes provisions authorizing a CRNA to establish anesthesia care plans and determine anesthesia’s appropriateness; 5. Retains authority under the bill to obtain informed consent for anesthesia care;

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<p>Requires a CRNA to have been granted credentials and clinical privileges by the facility's medical staff before the CRNA may engage in most of the foregoing services or activities (R.C. 4723.43(B)).</p> <p>Allows a CRNA to perform the services and activities described above only during the time period that begins on the patient's admission to a facility and ends on his or her discharge from recovery (R.C. 4723.43(B)).</p>	<p>6. Instead authorizes a CRNA to perform preanesthetic preparation and evaluation (R.C. 4723.43(B) and 4723.434).</p> <p>No provision.</p> <p>Maintains the time period requirement but with the following changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specifies that it begins on a patient's admission to the facility for a surgery or procedure; 2. Provides that it applies only when performing and documenting evaluations and assessments; selecting, ordering, and administering treatments, drugs, and IV fluids; and directing nurses and respiratory therapists to provide supportive care or administer drugs, treatments, and IV fluids to treat conditions related to the administration of anesthesia (R.C. 4723.434).
Limitations on CRNA practice	
<p>Specifies that a CRNA may not prescribe a drug for use outside of the facility where the nurse practices (R.C. 4723.43(B)).</p> <p>Requires the facility to adopt a written policy establishing standards and procedures to be followed by the CRNA when ordering and evaluating diagnostic tests, establishing anesthesia care plans, and selecting, ordering, and administering drugs, treatments, and IV fluids (R.C. 4723.43(B)).</p>	<p>Same (R.C. 4723.434).</p> <p>Similar, but requires the adopted policy to be developed by the facility's medical, nursing, and pharmacy directors. Also requires the policy to address a CRNA's delegation of activities to nurses and respiratory therapists and removes provisions requiring the policy to address the establishment of anesthesia care plans. Also specifies that, in adopting a policy, the facility (1) must not authorize a CRNA to select, order, or administer a drug that a supervising practitioner is not</p>

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No provision.	<p>Prohibits a CRNA from engaging in one or more of the foregoing activities if the supervising practitioner or the facility determines that it is not in the patient’s best interest for the nurse to do so. Following such a determination, requires the patient’s medical or electronic health record to indicate that the CRNA is prohibited from engaging in the activities.</p>