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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 (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_133_0958-3)
Township regulation of noise (R.C. 505.172)	
Expands township authority to regulate noise anywhere within the unincorporated territory of the township.	No provision.
Political subdivisions – insurance in lieu of bonds (R.C. 3.061, 3.30, 1545.05, 2151.70, 2152.42, 3721.15, 4503.03, and 5153.13)	
No provisions.	Allows certain park districts, juvenile facilities, and detention facilities to utilize an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy in lieu of surety bonds as would otherwise be required under current law.

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	<p>Expands the definition of a policy to include one that protects against losses that would otherwise be protected against under a surety bond and other losses as determined by the political subdivision.</p> <p>Allows a political subdivision to utilize a policy to cover any entity or individual as determined by the political subdivision, whereas current law only allows the policy to cover officers, employees, and appointees who otherwise must give a surety bond.</p> <p>Allows a political subdivision to switch from utilizing bonds to a policy when its officers are mid-term or during its employees' employment, whereas current law requires a policy to be in place before an officer takes office or before an employee begins employment.</p> <p>Specifically authorizes a policy to be used in lieu of a surety bond by the following: certain park district commissioners, juvenile facility superintendents, detention facility superintendents, county homes, deputy registrars, and executive directors and superintendents of a children's home.</p>