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## Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House Floor.)

### S.B. 31 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly

#### House Civil Justice

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The House Committee made the following changes to the Senate-passed version of the bill:

#### **Public Records**

Adds the following to “designated public service workers” consisting of individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law:

- Members of a regional physician advisory board, which board is appointed for a prehospital emergency medical services region;
- State or federal judges;
- First responders.

#### **Workers’ compensation claims and records**

- Requires the Industrial Commission and the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, upon a journalist’s written request, to disclose a claimant’s name, and removes the requirement for information on a claimant’s or multiple workers’ dependents to be disclosed.

#### **Contact tracing**

- Prohibits the Governor from issuing an order requiring an individual to participate in contact tracing.
- Prohibits the Ohio Department of Health, another state agency, a local board of health, or any other person or government entity under contract with the foregoing, from requiring an individual to participate in contact tracing, and requires written consent to participate in contract tracing.
- Prohibits any penalties, including withholding medical treatment, from being imposed on an individual who refuses to participate in contact tracing efforts.

- Specifies that any record created during the contact tracing process is not a public record and that disclosure of protected health information collected during the process must be done in accordance with existing Ohio law that is consistent with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule.