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Version: As Passed by the House

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Wilkin and Cross

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill could result in indirect impacts to state and local government entities. The bill specifies that a business does not violate section 3701.352 of the Revised Code and may continue or resume operations if both of the following are true: (1) the business has been required to cease or limit operations by order or rule of the Director of Health or the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) that was issued to prevent a threat to the public caused by a pandemic, epidemic, or bioterrorism event and (2) the business complies with all safety precautions that the order or rule requires of businesses that are permitted to continue operations under the order or rule. The bill also specifies that these provisions do not apply to an order or rule that is applicable only to a particular business or business location due to circumstances uniquely present at that particular business or business location. If an order or regulation was issued to limit or cease operations, allowing impacted businesses to continue operations could reduce the revenue loss from certain state and local taxes or possibly reduce enforcement costs related to violations. On the other hand, allowing these businesses to continue operations could result in costs if boards of health need to ensure compliance or provide technical assistance to impacted businesses. However, under the current situation, many businesses that were required to limit or cease operations are now permitted to operate.