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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 (H.B. 43 As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_136_0781-4)
Winter weather emergency	
States that because the Ashtabula Lakeside High School building was unusable due to winter weather for which the Governor declared a state of emergency, the Department of Education and Workforce must grant certain waivers for Ashtabula City School District (<i>Section 1 of the bill</i>).	Expands the description of the effects of the winter weather to include all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ten days of unusable residential roads;▪ Shutdown of all essential services such as grocery stores and the local hospital;▪ Up to a month of inaccessible local internet service;▪ Structural and roof damage to the Ashtabula County Emergency Response Facility and backup emergency response facility;▪ The collapse of Ashtabula Lakeside High School's roof; and▪ Damage to the Ashtabula City School district administrative offices and server, which delayed the transition to remote instruction (<i>Section 1 of the bill</i>).

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Waivers for Ashtabula City School District Seniors	
<p>Requires the Department to waive the requirement for high school seniors who attended Ashtabula Lakeside High School during the 2024-2025 school year to complete the minimum hours of course instruction for graduation if they were unable to do so because winter weather made the building unusable (<i>Section 1 of the bill</i>).</p> <p>Requires the Department to waive the minimum number of hours that Ashtabula Lakeside High School must be open with students in attendance during the 2024-2025 school year for the Ashtabula City School District to be eligible to receive state funds (<i>Section 1 of the bill</i>).</p>	<p>Requires the Department to provide flexibility to the Ashtabula City School District in granting a high school diploma to a senior who attended Ashtabula Lakeside High School during the 2024-2025 school year based on the student's demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with completing hours of classroom instruction, as permitted in accordance with the Department's statewide plan for awarding high school credit through demonstrations of subject area competency under current law (<i>Section 1 of the bill</i>; see <i>R.C. 3313.603(J)</i>, not in the bill).</p> <p>Same, but limits the number of instructional hours the Department may waive to not more than 24 hours (<i>Section 1 of the bill</i>).</p>
Emergency clause	
No provision.	Declares an emergency to ensure that affected high school seniors may graduate on time and Ashtabula City School District may maintain its state funding (<i>Section 2 of the bill</i>).