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Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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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.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (L_132_1703-3)
Submission to building official	No provision.	Allows a plan or specification that is within the scope of practice of interior design as defined in the bill to be submitted for the approval of a building official without the seal of an architect or engineer, as required by current law, provided the plan or specification bears the signature and certificate number of a certified interior designer (<i>R.C. 3791.04</i>).
Ohio Interior Design Examiners Board	Requires the Board of Building Standards (BBS) to adopt rules to implement the bill, issue and renew certificates, offer or approve continuing education, and enforce prohibitions in the bill against certified interior designers and applicants. Appears to allow BBS to enforce prohibitions against representing oneself as a certified interior designer without a certificate. (<i>R.C. 4714.04 and 4714.07 to 4714.09</i> .)	Creates the Ohio Interior Design Examiners Board (Board) to implement and enforce the bill. Specifies the Board's membership and terms. Permits the Governor to reappoint members and remove members for cause. Specifies administration of the Board, including selection of officers and the required number of meetings. Requires the Board members to be paid a per diem for performance of official duties and allows

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		<p>for payment of the Board's necessary expenses. Permits the Board to subpoena witnesses and records and incur necessary expenses in connection with enforcing the bill.</p> <p>Requires the Board to perform the duties assigned to the BBS in the As Introduced version and adds the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the facilities and administrative staff of the Architects Board and pay a proportionate share of costs for administrative services which must not exceed the Board's revenue. • Enforce the bill's prohibition against representing oneself as a certified interior designer without a certificate; • Adopt the rules required to implement the bill within 180 days after the bill's effective date. (<i>R.C. 4703.63, 4703.64, 4703.66, 4703.69 to 4703.72, and Sections 3 and 4.</i>)
Standards for certified interior designers	No provision.	Requires the Board, in the rules it adopts, to govern the standards of education, service, conduct, and practice of certified interior designers (<i>R.C. 4703.64(A)</i>).
Practice of interior design	Defines the "practice of interior design" as the preparation of a plan or specifications for, or the supervision of, the new construction, alteration, or repair of an interior space within a building when the core and shell structural elements of the building are not going to be changed and when that work takes place independent of an architect (<i>R.C. 4714.01(D)</i>).	Replaces "core and shell" in the proposed definition with "exterior elements" and eliminates "independent of an architect."

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	<p>No provision.</p> <p>Excludes making changes to any of the following from the practice of interior design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary structural framing members or seismic systems; • Structural concrete slabs, roof framing structures, or load-bearing and shear walls; • Opening in roofs, exterior walls, or bearing and shear walls; • Exterior doors, windows, awnings, canopies, sunshades, signage, or similar exterior building elements; • Life safety equipment; • Specified building systems (R.C. 4714.02(D)). 	<p>Requires the Board to adopt a rule defining "interior space." (R.C. 4703.60(C) and 4703.64(A)).</p> <p>Adds making changes to any aspect of an interior life safety plan, as defined by the Board in rules, that are unrelated to the practice of interior design to the list of exclusions and requires the Board to adopt rules defining what aspects of an interior life safety plan are unrelated to the practice of interior design (R.C. 4703.60(C) and 4703.64(A)).</p>
Authority to act for another	No provision.	Requires a certified interior designer who wishes to attach the designer's signature and certificate number to a final plan or specification prepared by another interior designer to get written permission to do so from the original designer (R.C. 4703.68(B)(3)(b)).
Financial responsibility	No provision.	Requires an applicant for an interior design certificate to provide evidence that the applicant can satisfy requirements related to financial responsibility and professional liability insurance adopted by the Board (R.C. 4703.64(A) and 4703.66(A)).

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Continuing education	<p>Requires, as a condition of renewing an interior design certificate, a certified interior designer to complete 20 hours of continuing education each renewal cycle, 10 of which must primarily emphasize health and safety (R.C. 4714.07).</p> <p>Requires BBS to adopt rules to establish standards that continuing education providers must meet to receive approval (R.C. 4714.09).</p>	<p>Requires all 20 continuing education hours to primarily emphasize health, welfare, and safety (R.C. 4703.70(A)).</p> <p>Requires the Board, in adopting those rules, to model the standards on continuing education standards established by the National Council of Interior Design Qualification or a similar successor organization (R.C. 4703.64(A) and (B)).</p>
Statute of limitations	Prohibits BBS from taking an administrative action against an applicant or certified interior designer more than six months after an alleged violation of the bill occurs (R.C. 4714.08(G)).	Prohibits the Board from taking an administrative action against an applicant or certified interior designer more than five years after an alleged violation occurs (R.C. 4703.71(G)).
Fines	Permits BBS to collect an unpaid fine by either referring it to a collection agency or suing in a court of common pleas (R.C. 4714.08(J)).	Requires the Board to forward an unpaid fee to the Attorney General for collection and requires an applicant or designer to pay a fee assessed by the Attorney General for collection of the fine (R.C. 4703.71(J) and 4703.72).
Receipts	Requires BBS, under continuing law, to deposit receipts into the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (RC 121.084, not in the bill).	Requires the Board to deposit receipts into the state treasury to the credit of the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (R.C. 4703.50).
Other professions	<p>Permits the following people to engage in the following acts or practices without an interior design certificate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A certified architect practicing architecture or performing interior design; • A person permitted under continuing law to provide plans or specifications for approval by a building official; • A person providing other construction-related documents not required to be 	Permits any person to engage in the person's occupation or profession without having an interior design certificate (R.C. 4703.62(A)).



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	<p>approved by a building official;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person exempted by the Board of Building Standards in rule (R.C. 4714.02(A)(4) and 4714.09). <p>States that the bill does not limit the practice of a person who is licensed to practice architecture or engineering under continuing law (R.C. 4714.03(B)).</p>	<p>States that having an interior designer certificate does not authorize the practice of architecture or engineering (R.C. 4703.62(B)).</p>
Reciprocity	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires the Board to adopt rules to grant an interior design certificate to any individual who provides satisfactory evidence that the individual is authorized to practice interior design in another state or country that has similar qualifications to the requirements in the bill and rules adopted by the Board (R.C. 4703.67).</p>
Reports and rosters	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires the Board to report annually to the Governor about its operations and expenditures.</p> <p>Requires the Board to prepare, every even-numbered year, a roster, showing the name, certificate number, and address of all certified interior designers who are in good standing. (R.C. 4703.65.)</p>
Compliance with other laws	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires the Board to comply with continuing law related to delinquent child support orders and human trafficking (R.C. 4703.52 and 4703.53)</p>

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