



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 168**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

Sen. Jordan

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

### **Medicaid program prohibited from covering Group VIII**

- Prohibits the Medicaid program from covering the eligibility group often referred to as the expansion group (or Group VIII).

### **Appropriation reductions**

- Requires that the aggregate fiscal years 2018 and 2019 General Revenue Fund appropriations for state agencies be reduced by at least specified amounts.
  - Exempts from the reductions certain General Revenue Fund appropriation items used for debt service or property tax reimbursement.
  - Reduces the fiscal years 2018 and 2019 appropriations for the Medicaid program by certain amounts to eliminate funding for Group VIII.
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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Medicaid program prohibited from covering Group VIII**

The bill prohibits the Medicaid program from covering the eligibility group often referred to as the expansion group (or Group VIII).<sup>1</sup> The group consists of individuals who (1) are under 65, (2) are not pregnant, (3) are not entitled to (or enrolled for) benefits under Medicare Part A, (4) are not enrolled for benefits under Medicare Part B, (5) are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, and (6) have incomes not exceeding 133%

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5163.11.

(138% after using the individuals' modified adjusted gross incomes) of the federal poverty line.<sup>2</sup>

Current law provides for individuals eligible for Medicaid as part of Group VIII and adult individuals eligible for Medicaid on the basis of being included in the Covered Families and Children eligibility group to participate in the Healthy Ohio Program instead of receiving services under Medicaid's fee-for-service component or Medicaid managed care. However, the Healthy Ohio Program has not been implemented because it requires federal approval, which was denied. The bill removes references to Group VIII in the context of the Healthy Ohio Program.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-21-17

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<sup>2</sup> 42 United States Code 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) and (e)(14).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5166.40 and 5166.405.

