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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

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House Transportation and Public Safety

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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 (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_133_1449-2)
<b>Administration of the Program</b>	
Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to establish and administer the program ( <i>R.C. 4510.101(B)</i> ).	Requires the Director of Public Safety to establish and administer the program ( <i>R.C. 4510.101(B)</i> ).
<b>Application Process</b>	
Requires a person to apply to the program in order to be considered and potentially accepted for either a reinstatement fee reduction or complete amnesty ( <i>R.C. 4510.101(C)</i> ).	Requires the Director to send an automatic notice (by regular mail or email) to a person accepting the person into the program when all of the following apply:

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No provision.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The person’s driver’s license has been suspended for an eligible offense.</li> <li>2. At least 18 months have expired since the end of the suspension period.</li> <li>3. The person still owes reinstatement fees <i>(R.C. 4510.101(F)(1))</i>.</li> </ol> <p>Requires the notice to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A statement that the person is accepted into the program and will be considered a full participant after completing the first installment payment or the submission and acceptance of proof of indigency.</li> <li>2. A statement listing what outstanding reinstatement fees are being reduced and their corresponding eligible offenses.</li> <li>3. A statement regarding the total amount of reinstatement fees the person owes under the program, the amount of each installment payment, and the total number of installment payments.</li> <li>4. A statement explaining that the person may be eligible for a full waiver of the reinstatement fees if the person can demonstrate proof of indigence.</li> <li>5. Any other information necessary to explain the program and its requirements, including a list of the documents required to prove indigence <i>(R.C. 4510.101(F)(2))</i>.</li> </ol>
No provision.	Permits the Director to search the Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) records or the Office of Vital Statistics records to verify a person’s last known address, residency, and whether the person is living or

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No provision.	deceased before sending the acceptance notice ( <i>R.C. 4510.101(F)(3)</i> ).  Allows a person who believes he or she is eligible for the program, but who did not receive the Director's notice, to apply for program participation either by regular mail, online, or in-person at the BMV or deputy registrar office (but all in-person applications must be accompanied by the \$5 deputy registrar fee) ( <i>R.C. 4510.101(G)</i> ).
<b>Payment Plan</b>	
No provision.	Specifies that a payment plan for a person with reduced reinstatement fees must be at least \$25 per month ( <i>R.C. 4510.101(E)(1)</i> ).
No provision.	Permits a person to submit payments by regular mail, online, or in-person at the BMV or a deputy registrar office (but all in-person payments must be accompanied by the \$5 deputy registrar fee) ( <i>R.C. 4510.101(E)(2)</i> ).
<b>Limitation on Participation</b>	
No provision.	Specifies that any person who has received either a reduction or complete amnesty of reinstatement fees under the program is not eligible for a subsequent reduction or complete amnesty through the program ( <i>R.C. 4510.101(D)(3)</i> ).
<b>Denials and Appeals</b>	
Requires the Registrar to send a written explanation to any applicant whose application is denied under the program.	No provision.
Permits an applicant to reapply no more than once a year.	No provision.

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<p>Permits an applicant to appeal a denial.</p> <p>Requires the Registrar to create an administrative appeals process (R.C. 4510.101(E)).</p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>
<b>Public Service Announcement</b>	
<p>Requires the Registrar to make information about the program available on the BMV website (R.C. 4510.101(F)).</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires the Director to make information about the program available on both the Department of Public Safety and the BMV websites (R.C. 4510.101(H)(1)).</p> <p>Requires the Director to establish a toll-free telephone number that a person can call to receive information about the program and the person's eligibility for it (R.C. 4510.101(H)(2)).</p>