



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## 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_1975-3)
<b>Penalty for violating animal abuse reporting requirements</b>	<p>Specifies that failing to report abuse of a companion animal (e.g., a dog or cat) or horse is a fourth degree misdemeanor (<i>R.C. 959.07, 959.08, and 959.99(C)</i>).</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Instead imposes a civil penalty for a violation of the prohibition of \$100 for a first offense and \$500 for each subsequent offense (<i>R.C. 959.07, 959.08, and 959.10(A)</i>).</p> <p>Authorizes the Attorney General to sue to enforce the civil penalties and requires the Attorney General to do both of the following:</p> <p>(1) Deposit money collected from the civil penalties in the Domestic Violence Program Fund; and</p> <p>(2) Use all money collected from the civil penalties to provide funding to domestic violence programs that assist victims of domestic violence by arranging temporary shelter or other support</p>

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		for the victims' companion animals ( <i>R.C. 109.46(B)(1)</i> ).
<b>Animal abuse reporting – veterinarian technicians</b>	Requires a veterinarian technician, along with other specified individuals, to report animal abuse involving a companion animal or horse ( <i>R.C. 959.07(A)(2)</i> ) and ( <i>B</i> )).	No provision (eliminates the proposed animal abuse reporting requirements for veterinarian technicians).
<b>Counselor's license – degree</b>	Maintains current law, which requires that if an applicant for a professional clinical counselor's license or a professional counselor's license has a graduate degree from a mental health counseling program, it must be from a clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction counseling program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) ( <i>R.C. 4757.22 and 4757.23, not in the bill</i> ).	Requires the applicant to have a degree from a CACREP accredited counseling program ( <i>R.C. 4757.22(B)(2) and 4757.23(B)(2)</i> ).
<b>Counselor's license – internship</b>	Maintains current law, which requires an applicant for a professional clinical counselor's license or an applicant for a professional counselor's license to participate in a counseling internship ( <i>R.C. 4757.22(C)(2) and 4757.23(C)(2), not in the bill</i> ).	Requires the applicant to participate in a clinical counseling internship ( <i>R.C. 4757.22(C)(2) and 4757.23(C)(2)</i> ).
<b>Counselor's license – endorsement</b>	Maintains current law, which allows the Counselors Professional Standards Committee of the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board to grant, by endorsement, a professional clinical counselor's license or a professional counselor's license to a resident of another state with which the Board does not have a reciprocity agreement if the person submits satisfactory proof to the Committee that the person is currently	Allows the Committee to issue a license by endorsement to a person who does not have a graduate degree in counseling if the person is authorized to practice in another state and meets all of the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The person has a graduate degree that demonstrates an education in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders with coursework comparable to that which is required for a</li> </ul>



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	<p>authorized to practice by that state (<i>R.C. 4757.18, not in the bill</i>).</p>	<p>clinical mental health counseling degree from a CACREP accredited program;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The person has continuously engaged in the practice of professional counseling in the other state and has not been disciplined by the state regulatory authority for a period of five years or more;</li> <li>• The person engaged in a scope of practice in the other state comparable to the scope of practice associated with the license the person is requesting;</li> <li>• The person's authorization to practice in the other state in good standing;</li> <li>• The person achieves a passing score on the examination required by the Board for licensure as a professional clinical counselor or a professional counselor, as applicable (<i>R.C. 4757.25(A) and (B)</i>), with conforming change in <i>R.C. 4757.18</i>).</li> </ul> <p>Requires an applicant for a license by endorsement to practice as a professional clinical counselor under this provision to complete at least 750 hours of supervised experience approved by the Committee (<i>R.C. 4757.25(C)</i>).</p>

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