



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Sub. H.B. 225

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As Reported by S. Energy and Natural Resources

This table summarizes how the latest version of the bill, the As Reported by Senate Energy and Natural Resources version, differs from the version that was passed by the House of Representatives. 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. This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

| Topic | Previous Version Sub. H.B. 225 (As Passed by the House) | Current Version Sub. H.B. 225 (As Reported by S. Energy and Natural Resources) |
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| Percentage of revenue to be used to plug idle and orphaned wells | Requires 45% of the revenue credited to the Oil and Gas Well Fund to be used by the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources for purposes associated with plugging idle and orphaned wells, rather than 14% as under current law (<i>R.C. 1509.071(B)(1)</i>). | Reduces the percentage to 30% instead of 45% (<i>R.C. 1509.071(B)(1)</i>). |

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| Annual report | Requires the Chief and the Technical Advisory Council on Oil and Gas to jointly provide an annual report containing specified information regarding well plugging activities to both of the following: (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives; and (2) The Chairperson of the House committee responsible for energy and natural resources issues (R.C. 1509.071(J)(2)). | Same, except also requires the report to be provided to: (1) The President of the Senate; and (2) The Chairperson of the Senate committee responsible for energy and natural resources issues (R.C. 1509.071(J)(2)). |
| Appropriations for plugging idle and orphaned wells | No provision. | Increases appropriations in fiscal year (FY) 2019 under the Oil and Gas Well Fund for oil and gas well plugging by \$7.0 million to a total of \$15.0 million (Sections 3 and 4). |
| Use of the Oil and Gas Well Fund | Precludes the use of money in the Oil and Gas Well Fund from being used to satisfy judgements and settlements against the state under general authorization provided in Am. Sub. H.B. 49, the main operating budget act for the FY 2018-2019 biennium (Sections 3 and 4). Precludes cash transfers from the Oil and Gas Well Fund to the General Revenue Fund (GRF) under authorization granted in Am. Sub. H.B. 49 that allows the Director of Budget and Management to transfer up to \$200 million in cash from non-GRF funds to the GRF during the FY 2018-2019 biennium (Sections 5 and 6). | No provision. No provision. |