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## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

### H.B. 138 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

#### Senate Health

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#### **Ambulance staffing for nonemergency patient transports**

Adds a provision that does all of the following:

- Establishes ambulance staffing requirements when an ambulance is used for a nonemergency transport of a patient.
- Specifies a minimum of two staff persons for these transports, as follows:
  - One driver, who must meet standards to be established in rules; and
  - One emergency medical technician (EMT), advanced EMT, or paramedic.
- Requires the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services to adopt rules to implement the staffing requirements for nonemergency patient transport.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Qualifications of EMS organization medical directors**

Adds a provision that expressly requires an emergency medical service (EMS) organization to appoint a medical director or cooperating physician advisory board.

Adds a provision establishing the following conditions on the State Board's adoption of rules regarding qualifications to serve as an EMS organization's medical director or a member of its cooperating physician advisory board:

- All physicians must meet the same qualifications regarding medical experience and completion of a medical director course.

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4765.431.

- The rules regarding medical experience cannot limit eligibility to only those physicians who (1) have completed a residency or fellowship program in emergency medicine or (2) are certified in a specialty or subspecialty of emergency medicine.
- The rules regarding a medical director course must permit a physician who has completed a residency or fellowship program in emergency medicine to use that program as evidence of completing a medical director course.<sup>2</sup>

Includes a provision specifying that the above conditions apply to physicians appointed on or after the bill's effective date.<sup>3</sup>

### **EMS personnel – COVID-19 testing services**

Adds a provision that authorizes EMTs, advanced EMTs, and paramedics, if properly trained, to (1) administer COVID-19 tests and (2) collect and label COVID-19 test specimens.<sup>4</sup>

### **LSC technical changes**

Updates the bill by removing an interim version of R.C. 4765.11 that is now obsolete.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4765.11 and 4765.42.

<sup>3</sup> Section 3.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 4765.53.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 4765.11.