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Subject: Comparison of S.B. 230 As Introduced and I_136_1120-5: pharmacist treatment and related services for specified health conditions

This table summarizes how I_136_1120-5 differs from the As Introduced version of S.B. 230. 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	S.B. 230 (As Introduced)	I_136_1120-5
Treatment by pharmacists of specified health conditions	Authorizes pharmacists to provide treatment and related services for the following specified health conditions: ▪ Influenza; ▪ Strep throat; ▪ COVID-19;	Authorizes pharmacists to provide treatment and related services for influenza, strep throat, and COVID-19, but does not permit a pharmacist to treat RSV (R.C. 4729.01(B)(9) and 4729.392(A)).

Topic	S.B. 230 (As Introduced)	I_136_1120-5
Patient age	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) (R.C. 4729.01(B)(9) and 4729.392(A)). Permits the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules specifying additional respiratory conditions for which a pharmacist may provide treatment and related services (R.C. 4729.392). Permits the treatment and related services to be provided to an individual without referring to the patient's age (R.C. 4729.392(A)).	No provision. Limits patients to those who are at least five years old (R.C. 4729.392(A)).
Statewide written protocol	Requires the protocol that must be followed by a pharmacist when providing treatment and related services to be established by the Pharmacy Board through adopting rules (R.C. 4729.392(D)). No provision.	In place of rulemaking, directly requires the Pharmacy Board to develop the protocol (R.C. 4729.393(A)). Requires the protocol to include all of the following: - Specific categories of patients a pharmacist is authorized to test or treat; - Instructions for obtaining relevant patient medical history to identify disqualifying health conditions,

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Protocol development with State Medical Board comments	No provision, except for the public hearings that are part of the rulemaking process under the Administrative Procedure Act (R.C. 4729.392(D)).	adverse reactions, and contraindications; ▪ Instructions for treatment based on a patient's age, symptoms, and test and screening results; ▪ Requirements for notifying a patient's primary care provider; ▪ Clinical criteria requiring referral to a physician or other provider; ▪ Dangerous drugs authorized as the approved course of treatment for specific conditions; ▪ Any other provisions the Pharmacy Board considers appropriate (R.C. 4729.393(A)). Sets the following procedures for developing the protocol outside the rulemaking process: ▪ Before finalizing the protocol, the Pharmacy Board must submit a draft to the State Medical Board for review. ▪ The Medical Board has 60 days to submit written comments. ▪ If no comments are received, the Pharmacy Board must proceed with finalizing protocol.

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Biennial review of statewide protocol	No provision.	▪ If comments are received, the Pharmacy Board must review them before finalizing the protocol. ▪ If comments from the Medical Board are not incorporated or otherwise addressed, the Pharmacy Board must submit an explanation to the Medical Board. ▪ The protocol is finalized when the Pharmacy Board President signs it (R.C. 4729.393(B)). Requires the Pharmacy Board to review the protocol every two years and make revisions as the Board considers necessary (R.C. 4729.393(C)).
Notice of finalized protocol	No provision.	Requires the Pharmacy Board, through electronic communication, to inform all individuals licensed by the Board when the initial or a revised protocol is finalized (R.C. 4729.393(D)). Requires the Pharmacy Board to maintain a copy of the current protocol on its website (R.C. 4729.393(D)).

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Rulemaking in general	Requires the Pharmacy Board to adopt rules to implement the bill's provisions on pharmacist treatment and related services (R.C. 4729.392(D)).	Permits, rather than requires, the Pharmacy Board to adopt rules as it considers necessary to implement these provisions (R.C. 4729.392(D)).
Immunity from liability	No provision.	Grants the Pharmacy Board and Medical Board qualified immunity from civil liability for harm allegedly arising from a pharmacist's use of the protocol (R.C. 4729.393(E)).