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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_136_2754-2)
Affected bodies	
Requires all public bodies to allow for public commentary and testimony *(R.C. 121.22(F)(3))*.	Only requires public bodies consisting wholly or partially of elected members to allow for at least one period of public commentary and testimony *(R.C. 121.22(F)(2))*.
Requires public commentary and testimony must be allowed before taking formal action on any item *(R.C. 121.22(F)(3))*.	Requires at least one period of public commentary and testimony to be allowed during each meeting, before the body moves on to agenda items *(R.C. 121.22(F)(3))*.
Time, place, and nature of commentary and testimony	
No provision.	Specifies that the period of commentary and testimony must be of reasonable duration and accessibility to the public *(R.C. 121.22(F)(2))*.
Allows a public body to adopt rules establishing reasonable restrictions on the length and nature of the public commentary and testimony *(R.C. 121.22(F)(3))*.	Same as As Introduced but applies only to public bodies consisting wholly or partially of elected members, as noted in the preceding section, and permits such a body to establish reasonable restrictions on the venue of the public

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	commentary and testimony in addition to time and nature restrictions *(R.C. 121.22(F)(2))*.
Meeting notice fees	
No provision.	Prohibits a public body from charging a person a fee to receive advance notice of meetings via electronic mailing list or electronic mail *(R.C. 121.22(F)(1)(c))*.

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