# Proposed Changes in Health Commissioner’s Hours and Pay

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## Ohio Revised Code Requirements for Health Commissioner

### ORC 3709.11

* GCHD must have a commissioner
* Must be “be a licensed physician, licensed dentist, a licensed veterinarian, licensed podiatrist, licensed chiropractor, or the holder of a master's degree in public health or an equivalent master's degree in a related health field as determined by the members of the board of health in a general health district.”
* Is the secretary of the board
* Carry out all orders of the board; enforce all sanitary laws
* Keep the public informed regarding the matters of health
* If commissioner is a physician, is the medical director as well (must have a medical director)

### ORC 3701.53

* Investigate cases of newborn eye irritation

### Recommendations:

* Reduce hours of commissioner from 20 per week to 7 per week
* Reduce pay proportionately from about $27,000 per year to about $10,000 per year
* Consider re-allocating funds toward new personnel with accreditation, environmental health and/or other administrative skills.
* Continued presence at board meetings and act as board liaison between the board and staff
* Continue as medical director
* Assist with recruitment and transition to new commissioner, as that occurs