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Political subdivisions would incur little additional cost or added administrative work, if any at all, for adding forensic mental health providers, mental health evaluation providers, and regional psychiatric hospital employees to the list of professions whose familial and residential information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law. This is because political subdivisions currently have procedures in place for the removal or redaction of personal information for the designated public service workers covered under the existing exemption. However, the overall effect on local jurisdictions depends on the number of mental health providers, psychiatric hospital employees, and mental health evaluation providers involved in situations where their familial and residential information would be excluded from public disclosure. Although the number of professionals working in these fields in Ohio and who are covered by the bill is unknown, there are ten facilities statewide that offer forensic evaluation services for Ohio courts, and six regional psychiatric hospitals operated by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services across Ohio.