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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Loychik and Pavliga

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill may minimally increase the administrative costs of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), school districts, and other public schools to update policies and procedures to incorporate the bill's changes to the training requirements for a pupil activity permit to coach athletics activities, including for districts and schools to verify the bill's new training requirement has been met.
- The bill may also increase the administrative workload of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to review and approve the student mental health training course the bill newly requires for coaches.

Detailed Analysis

Under continuing law, coaches of athletics activities for students in grades K-12 must hold a pupil activity permit issued by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and meet certain training requirements. According to ODE, coaches currently must complete five trainings to hold a pupil activity permit: (1) fundamentals of coaching, (2) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), (3) first aid for coaches, (4) brain trauma and brain injury management (i.e., concussions), and (5) sudden cardiac arrest. The bill modifies these training requirements by doing the following:

- Requiring an individual coaching an athletic activity to complete a student mental health training course approved and certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). This training can be taken in a course that also covers other topics. A coach must have completed the training each time the individual applies for or renews a pupil activity permit.
- Changing the frequency with which a coach must complete (1) sudden cardiac arrest training, from annually to within the duration of an individual's previous permit (which

may be for three, four, or five years, depending on the individual's circumstances), and (2) brain trauma and brain injury management training, from within the previous three years to within the duration of the individual's previous permit (both trainings are available to coaches at no charge).

The bill may minimally increase the administrative costs of ODE and public schools to update policies, procedures, and informational materials to incorporate the bill's changes to coach training requirements. These costs for districts and schools may also include tracking and verifying that an individual has completed the bill's new training requirement. ODE indicates that districts and schools hold the responsibility for verifying that permit holders or applicants meet the training requirements but also have discretion in how to verify the trainings are completed.¹ School districts and other public schools likely will not pay any course fees for the newly required student mental health training course. The bill does not require a district or school to pay for this training. Further, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) indicates that schools do not typically pay for any of the currently mandated training for coaches.

The bill may increase the administrative workload of OhioMHAS to review student mental health courses and to approve the course coaches must complete under the bill. Any course fees for coaches will depend on the training course OhioMHAS approves.

As a point of reference, ODE reports about 62,500 active pupil activity permits.

¹ See ODE's [District E-Signer Guidance \(PDF\)](#), which is accessible by conducting a keyword "coaching permits" search on the ODE website: education.ohio.gov.