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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Johnson

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The bill appropriates \$10.0 million in FY 2025 in GRF line item 830414, Child Care Cred Program, under the Ohio Department of Children and Youth's (ODCY) budget, to support the Child Care Cred Program.
- If any state or local public employer chooses to participate in the program, the employer would realize costs. Costs would depend on the number of employees and their children that participate and the cost of child care provided.

### Detailed Analysis

#### Child Care Cred Program

The bill creates the Child Care Cred Program in the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (ODCY). Under the program, the costs of child care are shared equally by participating employees, their employers, and, subject to available funds, ODCY. The bill establishes certain conditions on program participation and requires a child care provider under the program to hold a child care center or family child care home license issued by the state or be certified as an in-home aide by a county department of job and family services. Each employee and employer must together submit an application to ODCY in a manner prescribed by the Department. ODCY must review each application and determine if both are eligible to participate.

After ODCY determines an employee and employer are both eligible and each agrees to participate, the bill requires the employee to select a child care provider, with ODCY's assistance, and requires the employee to enroll the child with the selected provider. ODCY may require the employee, employer, and child care provider to each sign a memorandum of understanding with the Department. ODCY is responsible for coordinating and performing all administrative activities

associated with the sharing of child care costs and making payments to child care providers. The bill authorizes ODCY to adopt rules as necessary to implement the bill's provisions.

### **Fiscal impact**

The bill appropriates \$10.0 million in FY 2025 in GRF line item 830414, Child Care Cred Program, under ODCY's budget to support the program. If any state or local public employer chooses to participate in the program, the employer would realize costs depending on the number of employees and their children that participate and the cost of child care provided by each participating child care provider