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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) may experience an increase in costs to incorporate awareness information regarding Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia into the Department's relevant public health outreach.

Detailed Analysis

Alzheimer's disease and dementia awareness

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to coordinate with the Department of Aging, the Commission on Minority Health, and community organizations that focus on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia to incorporate awareness information into ODH's relevant public health outreach. Under the bill, the parties must design the information to educate and increase awareness and understanding among health care providers, community organizations, and the general public on topics related to cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and other types of dementia. Topics must include early warning signs, the value of reducing risk factors, the importance of early detection and timely diagnosis, how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline, assessment tools for detection and diagnosis, and the importance of an annual Medicare wellness visit or other physical for individuals age 65 and older for cognitive health. ODH may experience an increase in costs to provide this information. Costs will depend on the implementation strategy employed (e.g., will pamphlets with this information be published and/or displayed on ODH's website, provided through a media campaign, etc.).