



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 427 of the 132nd G.A.
(L_132_1882-5)

Status: In House Community and Family Advancement

Sponsor: Rep. Young

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Faith-based substance abuse grants and drug overdose reports

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill appropriates \$1.0 million in GRF line item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, in both FY 2018 and FY 2019 for the Faith-based Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Facility Grant Program.
- The bill requires the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to expend \$50,000 in both FY 2018 and FY 2019 for each of the following: the Faith-based Substance Abuse Curricula Grant Program and the Faith-based Substance Abuse Transportation Assistance Grant Program. Funding for these two programs will come from existing OhioMHAS appropriations.
- The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to publish monthly reports and issue press releases regarding drug overdose deaths and to promulgate rules, which will result in a minimal increase in administrative costs.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Substance abuse grant programs for faith-based organizations

The bill creates three grant programs to be administered by OhioMHAS. Under these programs, grants will be awarded to faith-based organizations that manage programs supporting individuals suffering from substance abuse and addiction. Each grant program requires OhioMHAS to: create a separate grant application and develop a process for reviewing and evaluating completed applications on a competitive basis and select initial grant recipients no later than nine months after the bill's effective date. As a result, OhioMHAS could experience a minimal increase in administrative duties to create and review grant applications and to select grant recipients.

Rehabilitation Facility Grant Program

The bill creates the Faith-based Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Facility Grant Program which will award grants to nonprofit faith-based entities that meet certain criteria. Grantees can use the awards to open and operate one or more facilities that provide certified drug addiction services. The facilities have to be located in or not more

than ten miles from a community that has historically had a high incidence of accidental death by opioid overdose. The bill appropriates \$1.0 million in GRF line item 336421, Continuum of Care Services, in both FY 2018 and FY 2019 for the program.

Curricula and transportation assistance grant programs

The bill creates the Faith-based Substance Abuse Curricula Grant Program, which will award grants to nonprofit faith-based entities that administer programs intended to support individuals in avoiding abuse or overcoming addiction and that use faith-based curricula materials to achieve this purpose. OhioMHAS is required to expend \$50,000 in both FY 2018 and FY 2019 for the program. Funding will come from any available appropriations contained in H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly.

The bill also creates the Faith-based Substance Abuse Transportation Assistance Grant Program, which will award grants to nonprofit faith-based entities that administer programs intended to support individuals in avoiding substance abuse or overcoming substance addiction. A grantee can only use the award to pay costs associated with providing program participants with transportation services to program activities or to reimburse them for the costs they incur in traveling to these activities. OhioMHAS is required to expend \$50,000 in both FY 2018 and FY 2019 for the grants. Funding will come from any available appropriations contained in H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Under the bill, the grant applications for both grants will require applicants to specify an entity that OhioMHAS will consult with to obtain input about the entity's success with supporting individuals in avoiding drug abuse or overcoming addiction. Those entities include any or all of the following: (1) a judge or magistrate from the drug court or other court that considers drug-related prosecutions in the same jurisdiction as the entity, (2) the jurisdiction's chief police officer or the officer's delegate, or (3) the Ohio Attorney General. OhioMHAS is required to give this input significant weight when making a final determination regarding a grant award.

Drug overdose death reports

The bill requires ODH to publish monthly reports on its website showing the number of drug overdose deaths delineated by county and to issue a press release each time a monthly report is completed. ODH is required to use information submitted through the Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse to update information and to publish these reports. The bill allows the ODH Director to adopt rules as necessary to implement this requirement. ODH will experience an increase in administrative costs to promulgate rules. ODH would also realize an increase in administrative costs to publish monthly reports and issue press releases. However, ODH currently compiles drug overdose statistics and produces an annual report regarding this data, so the increase in administrative costs is expected to be minimal.