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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Medicaid waivers administered by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities currently have waiting lists. As a result, if any reserved waivers go unused county boards of developmental disabilities could realize a decrease in expenditures. However, it is likely that ODODD would prioritize the waiting list, so this may not occur.
- Amending the waiver process and updating eligibility determinations might result in additional administrative costs.

Detailed Analysis

Background

The bill requires every home and community-based services Medicaid waiver component to reserve a portion of the participant capacity for eligible individuals whose spouse or parent or legal guardian is an active duty military service member who recently transferred to Ohio. According to the Department of Defense Manpower Data Center, there are currently 6,892 active duty personnel stationed in Ohio. However, the Center does not provide data regarding the number of active duty members that transfer to Ohio each year.

Fiscal impact

There are currently no waiting lists for Medicaid waivers administered by the Ohio Department of Medicaid or the Ohio Department of Aging. Thus, reserving a portion of participant capacity for eligible individuals should have no significant impact on Medicaid expenditures for these programs, assuming that the number of waivers reserved would be relatively few. However, Medicaid waiver programs administered by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODODD) do have waiting lists. Since there are waiting lists, county boards of developmental disabilities may see decreased expenditures if reserved waivers go

unused. However, it is likely that ODODD would prioritize the waiting list, so this may not occur. Currently, county developmental disability boards cover most of the cost of waivers. However, the state does provide support for some waivers as well. ODODD stated that it is possible that it would pay the costs of covering those waivers reserved for active duty military personnel.

This bill would likely result in administrative costs. These costs include the cost of preparing and submitting a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for amendments to the waiver programs, as well as the cost of revising eligibility criteria to identify active duty eligible recipients.