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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsors: Reps. D. Manning and West

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The departments of Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Medicaid, and Education could realize an increase in costs relating to the establishment of the Ohio Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network Stakeholder Group.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the Ohio Children's Behavioral Health Prevention Network Stakeholder Group to coordinate and plan the creation of a comprehensive learning network to support young children and their families in facilitating social, emotional, and behavioral development and to seek to reduce behavioral health disparities among young children. The membership of the Stakeholder Group includes representatives from various entities, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as well as directors from the following state agencies: Governor's Children's Initiative, Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Minority Health, and Medicaid. The bill outlines the Stakeholder Group's responsibilities, which include: establishing a list of agencies and partners to participate in a prevention pilot program of the learning network, developing prevention prototypes to be tested by prevention pilot program participants, establishing a peer leader group to lead in the identification of key resources and key partners for early testing, and conducting a baseline assessment of existing protocols and best practices. The Stakeholder Group is to meet during the 18 months immediately following the date of the first meeting. After this period, the bill requires the Stakeholder Group to complete a report that includes the group's recommendations.

There will be costs associated with the establishment and implementation of the Stakeholder Group. These costs will depend on the scope and details of the Stakeholder Group's work. However, the bill specifies that the Director of the Governor's Children's Initiative is to collaborate with the departments of Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Medicaid, and Education regarding any funds necessary to complete the Stakeholder Group's work. Any allocations of funds are to be determined by these departments.