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Highlights

- Ohio Department of Health may experience a minimal increase in administrative costs related to rule promulgation if it chooses to make any changes as a result of the bill.
- Government-owned hospitals may experience an increase in costs to develop and approve any treatment guidelines regarding the practice of radiography and nuclear medicine technology if none currently exist.

Detailed Analysis

Radiation Control Program rules

The bill requires ODH to adopt rules for the Radiation Control Program by considering the "Suggested State Regulations for Control of Radiation" and various federal regulations, rather than by using standards that are no less stringent than those sources. ODH may experience a minimal increase in costs if it chooses to make any rule changes as a result of this change.

Treatment guidelines

The bill also requires that a radiographer and a nuclear medicine technologist practice in a manner that is consistent with a definitive set of treatment guidelines approved by the clinical leadership of the institution where the radiographer or technologist practices. Government-owned hospitals may experience an increase in costs to develop and approve any treatment guidelines if none are currently in place.

Documentation of orders in patient medical records

In addition, the bill specifies that one of the activities radiographers and nuclear medicine technologists are licensed to perform is to document orders for contrast and radio-pharmaceuticals, respectively, in patient medical records. If this results in any work efficiencies, it is possible that government-owned hospitals may realize some minimal decreases in costs.