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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will experience a minimal increase in costs to adopt rules. Any other impacts will depend on the rules and procedures adopted and the type of incident or emergency occurring at that time.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires OhioMHAS to adopt rules and establish procedures for OhioMHAS and for alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services (ADAMHS) boards to follow relating to providing counseling and other supportive mental health services in certain circumstances. Rules must apply to services provided in response to the following: (1) a natural disaster, (2) a pandemic, (3) a mass casualty incident, (4) a mass fatality incident, (5) a mass shooting incident, and (6) an emergency declared by a federal, regional, state, or local official. OhioMHAS will experience a minimal increase in costs to adopt such rules.

In adopting the rules, OhioMHAS must ensure that the rule's procedures address the manner that the comprehensive counseling and other supportive mental health services will: (1) be coordinated with public and private entities that provide services, at a federal, regional, state, or local level, in response to the above events, and (2) be made available and accessible by individuals who are involved in or affected by the events, including emergency services personnel, health care and social service providers, and residents of the areas in which the events occur, among others. Currently, in the event of an incident such as those described in the bill, ADAMHS boards have been able to provide some initial resources to affected communities and to those impacted. However, depending on the rules and procedures established as a result of the bill, there may be costs for ADAMHS boards and OhioMHAS. The costs will depend on a number of factors, including: the type of incident or emergency occurring at the time, the number

of individuals impacted, and what services are currently offered during such an event in comparison to the services required in new rules and procedures adopted.