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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill requires the Ohio Social Studies Standards Task Force to develop revised social studies standards. Ohio Department of Education GRF expenditures will increase by \$70,000 to \$90,000 to update social studies model curriculum and notify school districts and other schools of the standards and model curriculum if the General Assembly adopts the revised standards under the bill. State administrative costs also may increase to support the Task Force.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the Ohio Social Studies Standards Task Force to develop new social studies standards for grades K-12 based on a prescribed set of model standards produced by an organization known as the National Association of Scholars. The bill establishes processes for the appointment of members to the Task Force, requires the Task Force to offer opportunities for public input, and establishes a process for reporting recommended standards to the General Assembly and for the General Assembly to approve the standards or for the Task Force to produce revised standards. The bill does not provide compensation for the members of the Task Force and is silent on support for any administrative costs the Task Force may incur, including to conduct public hearings and report the standards to the General Assembly.

If the Task Force produces standards that are adopted by the General Assembly, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) will also incur costs to update its social studies model curriculum and disseminate the updated standards to districts and schools required to administer the annual end-of-course examinations in American history and government for high school students. ODE's Office of Learning and Instructional Strategies typically works with teams of educators to update or develop model curriculum. According to ODE, this includes costs related to volunteer travel reimbursement and substitute teachers. These costs totaled approximately \$60,000 for the last

update of the social studies model curriculum in 2018. ODE estimates costs of roughly \$70,000 to \$90,000 to carry out the process under the bill, based on increased travel and substitute teacher costs. These costs would be borne by GRF line item 200427, Academic Standards, which has an appropriation of approximately \$4.0 million in FY 2023.