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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Government-owned hospitals may realize minimal costs to ensure that specified health care practitioners are providing the information to patients.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires any health care practitioner who has the primary responsibility for the treatment or care, other than during an emergency situation, of a patient who has been diagnosed with epilepsy to provide the patient with written information regarding (1) current, evidence-based information developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP) risk factors and conditions, which may be obtained through a link on the Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) website, and (2) contact information for nonprofit organizations that provide information and support services for epilepsy conditions. The bill requires ODH to post a link on ODH's website to the CDC's SUDEP information. The bill also permits any local or national organization that provides education or services related to epilepsy conditions to request that ODH include the organization's informational material and contact information on its website. Once a request is made, the ODH Director may add the information to the Department's website.

ODH may experience an increase in costs to post a link to the CDC's SUDEP information, or other information as requested by local or national epilepsy organizations, on ODH's website. However, these costs should be negligible. Additionally, government-owned hospitals and other health care facilities may experience minimal costs to ensure patients are receiving the required information.