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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council will experience minimal administrative costs to develop placement and treatment solutions for children with developmental or intellectual challenges and high acuity behaviors. These solutions must be submitted in a report and updated annually.
- The Ohio Department of Children and Youth (ODCY), along with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODODD), will experience minimal administrative costs to establish rules for a streamlined process for licensure of emergency placement facilities for children.
- ODCY could realize ongoing administrative costs to issue emergency placement facility licenses. Revenue from license fees could be collected if fees are established. However, total costs and revenues will depend on the rules actually adopted.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and key stake holders to develop placement and treatment solutions for children with developmental or intellectual challenges and high acuity behaviors, with a particular focus on solutions aimed at ensuring that no child will be required to sleep at a local government agency or wait in a hospital with no access to treatment due to lack of appropriate placement or treatment. The bill also requires the Cabinet Council to submit a report of the solutions to the General Assembly, and to report updated solutions every year thereafter. The Cabinet Counsel will experience costs to develop the placement and treatment solutions, as well as to prepare reports. Any other impacts will depend on the recommendations made and implemented. The Cabinet Council's purpose is to advise and

make recommendations regarding children services, coordinate services, and engage families, etc. The following state agencies are represented on the Cabinet Council: Aging, Budget and Management, Children and Youth (ODCY), Developmental Disabilities (ODODD), Education and Workforce, Job and Family Services, Health, Medicaid, Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Rehabilitation and Correction, and Youth Services. The Cabinet Council receives both GRF and state non-GRF funds,¹ which are appropriated under ODCY's budget.

Additionally, the bill requires ODCY, in consultation with OhioMHAS and ODODD, as well as other appropriate agencies, to establish rules for a streamlined process for licensure of emergency placement facilities for children not later than six months after the bill becomes effective. The rules must, to the extent possible, use qualifications and processes of licenses issued by ODCY, OhioMHAS, and ODODD that emergency placement applicants already hold. Further, the rules must minimize duplicate efforts for applicants applying for the emergency facility placement licenses. ODCY, OhioMHAS, and ODODD will experience minimal costs to develop the streamlined process for licensure of emergency placement facilities. Any other costs or potential revenues will depend on rules adopted. ODCY could experience administrative costs to process applications for licensure and to address any questions or complaints received regarding these facilities. It is possible that rules will include license fees, which would offset some costs. There may also be indirect fiscal effects associated with this provision. These impacts will depend on a number of factors including: how many emergency placement facility licenses are granted, how many children receive services at these facilities, and what is the reimbursement provided for services at these facilities compared to other service options that are currently used in these situations.

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¹ The state non-GRF fund consists of contributions from each of the state agencies represented on the Cabinet Council.