



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Rep. Barnes

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#### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires a mental health trauma center to be established through a demonstration program as part of a county hospital in Cuyahoga County.
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#### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

##### **Mental health trauma center demonstration program**

The bill requires the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish and operate a demonstration program under which a mental health trauma center is established. The center is to be part of a county hospital located in Cuyahoga County. The bill specifies that the demonstration program is to be ongoing.<sup>1</sup>

Under the bill, the purposes of the demonstration program are as follows:

(1) To help reduce crime by improving access to mental health services, especially short-term services for individuals experiencing a momentary lapse of reason;

(2) To serve as a model for establishing additional mental health trauma centers throughout Ohio.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5119.80(A)(1) and (B).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5119.80(B).

## Assistance from teaching hospitals

The bill authorizes the Department to ask for assistance with establishing the mental health trauma center. The assistance may be requested from a Cuyahoga County teaching hospital affiliated with a private university, a Cuyahoga County teaching hospital owned or operated by a nonprofit foundation, or both types of hospitals.<sup>3</sup>

## Services and activities by the center

The mental health trauma center that is established must (1) provide mental health services using both proven and untested therapies, (2) conduct research on best practices regarding mental health services, and (3) help individuals access social services and public assistance available to them, including Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.<sup>4</sup>

The center is permitted to seek assistance from a probate court regarding an individual the court has found to be a mentally ill person subject to court order, which refers to the standards and process used for determining that court-ordered treatment is needed.<sup>5</sup> The center also is permitted to use drug treatment programs as a model for other providers of mental health services.<sup>6</sup>

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## HISTORY

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Introduced	05-22-18

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5119.80(C).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5119.80(D).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 5119.80(A)(2) and (E)(1).

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 5119.80(E)(2).

