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Highlights

- The Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) may incur permissive staffing costs to develop industry-recognized credential or certificate programs in response to petitions from Ohio employers. The workload of the Ohio Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education may increase to consult on the programs OWT opts to develop.

Detailed Analysis

The bill authorizes the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) to develop an industry-recognized credential or a certificate program, in consultation with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and the Department of Higher Education (DHE), in response to a petition received from an Ohio employer. OWT, ODE, or DHE expenditures are likely to increase if OWT opts to create one or more such programs. If OWT chooses to do so, the Office will require at least one additional staff member with appropriate qualifications to create the necessary curriculum, standards, and materials. To the extent that OWT develops the programs, ODE and DHE costs or workload may increase to consult on OWT's efforts. According to the Director of OWT, the Office's current staff of three employees does not have the capacity or expertise to develop a credential or certificate program. Currently, OWT's role focuses on coordinating workforce development activities amongst Ohio's various workforce-related state agencies and programs as well as the business and education communities. OWT's operating funding of about \$800,000 each fiscal year, located under the budget of the Development Services Agency, is supported by a transfer of federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) dollars from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The bill requires OWT to submit an industry-recognized credential or certificate program it develops to the Superintendent of Public Instruction's committee regarding industry-recognized credentials and the Chancellor of Higher Education for possible inclusion on

the industry-recognized credential list maintained by the Superintendent's committee and the inventory of industry-recognized credentials for in-demand jobs maintained by the Chancellor. Presumably, these programs, if developed, would be reviewed alongside other programs as part of the routine updating of the list and inventory, respectively, at negligible, if any, cost.