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Highlights

- The bill appropriates \$500,000 in FY 2025 in GRF line item 830413, Firearm Violence Prevention, under the Ohio Department of Children and Youth's (ODCY) budget, to support the establishment of the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention. In FY 2026, there will be costs to maintain the Office and also to provide grant funds to eligible entities under three grant programs established by the bill.
- The bill will lead to administrative costs to the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to apply for approval of a team-based model of care for treatment of trauma recovery. If this federal approval is received there will be costs to provide the care.

Detailed Analysis

Office of Firearm Violence Prevention

The bill establishes the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention within the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (ODCY), which is required to administer grant programs to reduce firearm violence and provide technical assistance and training to grant recipients. ODCY is required to appoint an executive director of violence prevention to manage the Office and to perform or oversee the performance of the duties of the Office. The executive director is to receive a salary of \$170,000, which is to be increased on July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter by the lesser of 3% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index for the immediately preceding calendar year. The Director of ODCY is required to adopt rules as necessary to establish the Office and to implement the grant programs. Additionally, the Office is required, beginning January 1, 2026, to prepare an annual report for the General Assembly detailing outcomes concerning the grant programs, recommendations received to improve program outcomes, and recommendations of the Office to help reduce firearm violence statewide. The bill's provisions establishing the Office

and the grant programs take effect January 1, 2025. The bill provides an appropriation of \$500,000 in FY 2025 in GRF line item 830413, Firearm Violence Prevention, under ODCY's budget, to support the establishment of the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention. In FY 2026, ODCY will incur costs to maintain the Office and to administer the grant programs. The bill does not specify award amounts.

A discussion of the three grant programs created by the bill is provided below. The three grant programs include the following: (1) Violence Prevention Organization, (2) Youth Development, and (3) County. The Office will award grants beginning July 1, 2025, which is FY 2026. The Violence Prevention Organization and the Youth Development grant programs will be awarded to eligible counties. Under the bill, "eligible county" means the 15 counties in the state with the highest per-capita rate of fatal and nonfatal firearm-shot victims excluding self-inflicted incidents, from January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2022. The County Grant Program is open to counties that are ineligible for the other two programs.

Violence Prevention Organization Grant Program

The Office is required to administer a Violence Prevention Organization Grant Program. Beginning FY 2026, the Office is required to award grants on a competitive basis to violence prevention organizations in eligible counties. Grants are to be awarded to not fewer than two and not more than six violence prevention organizations in each eligible county. The bill outlines the responsibilities of the grant awardees and services to be provided with the grant funds. As a condition of participation, selected organizations must enter into a Medicaid provider agreement with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to provide the services discussed directly below.

Team-based model of care system to address trauma recovery

The bill requires that the Medicaid Director seek federal approval of a team-based model of care system to address trauma recovery from chronic exposure to firearm violence, and sets out details of how this program should be setup and administered if it is approved. Applying for this federal approval and organizing such a program would likely lead to some administrative costs for ODM.

If ODM receives federal approval for this program, there will be costs involved in providing the care and reimbursement prescribed by the bill. Depending on the conditions of the federal approval, costs may be a shared expense between the state and federal governments. In general, the federal reimbursement for most Medicaid expenditures is approximately 63%. Thus, of the eventual costs incurred as a result of the program, approximately 37% could be state costs.

Youth Development Grant Program

The Office is required to administer a Youth Development Grant Program, beginning FY 2026, by awarding competitive grants to youth development organizations in eligible counties. Grants are to be awarded to not fewer than four and not more than eight youth development organizations in each eligible county. The bill outlines the responsibilities of the grant awardees and services to be provided with the grant funds.

County Grant Program

Lastly, the bill requires the Office to award competitive grants, beginning FY 2026, to counties that are not eligible for the abovementioned grants. In determining which counties are eligible to receive these grants, the Office must examine which counties have experienced the

largest concentration of firearm violence in the five years immediately preceding the effective date. Five counties are to receive a grant using a formula established by the Office. A county selected to receive a grant is required to establish a local advisory council to seek recommendations from the community on how grant funds should be allocated within the county and make recommendations to the Office concerning the allocation of grant funds within the county.