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SUMMARY

- Requires the Director of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to adopt rules for services provided in response to a natural disaster, pandemic, mass casualty or fatality incident, mass shooting incident, or declared emergency.
- Requires the rules to establish procedures for OhioMHAS and boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to follow when providing those services.
- Requires the Director to ensure that the procedures address the manner that the services will be coordinated with public and private entities and be made available to individuals who are involved in or affected by the above events.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

OhioMHAS Director rulemaking authority

The bill adds a new category of rules that the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services must adopt, in accordance with existing law duties as the chief executive and appointing authority for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

Rules

The bill requires the OhioMHAS Director to adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.C. Chapter 119) and establish procedures for OhioMHAS and boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to follow relating to providing counseling and other supportive mental health services in certain circumstances. The rules must apply to services provided in response to the following:

- A natural disaster;
- A pandemic;

- A mass casualty incident;
- A mass fatality incident;
- A mass shooting incident; and
- An emergency declared by a federal, regional, state, or local public official.¹

Procedures

In adopting the above rules, the Director must ensure that the rule's procedures address the manner that the comprehensive counseling and other supportive mental health services will:

- Be coordinated with public and private entities that provide services, at a federal, regional, state, or local level, in response to the above events; and
- Be made available to and accessible by individuals who are involved in or affected by the events, including:
 - Emergency services personnel and other health care providers;
 - Social service providers;
 - Charitable and other relief service providers;
 - Residents of the areas in which the events occur; and
 - Other members of the general public.²

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 5119.10(B)(11)(a).

² R.C. 5119.10(B)(11)(b).