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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Behavioral Health and Recovery Supports

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Brown

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Office of the Governor may incur additional costs to hire and retain an executive director and other necessary staff if currently available resources and staff are not sufficient to carry out the duties of the newly created Office of Drug Policy.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state's political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill establishes the Office of Drug Policy within the Office of the Governor and requires the Governor to appoint an executive director and other necessary staff to manage the office and perform its duties. Under the bill, the Office of Drug Policy is required to coordinate drug-related efforts from across state agencies and local governments and perform other duties related to preventing and reducing drug misuse, addiction, and overdose deaths. The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state's political subdivisions.

The Office of the Governor may incur additional costs to appoint and retain an executive director and other necessary staff, the magnitude of which will depend upon the number of people hired and their respective salaries. The bill provides no funding for this purpose. Of note is the existence of RecoveryOhio that Governor DeWine created by Executive Order in January 2019, which serves a similar purpose as the bill's Office of Drug Policy. It is unclear how implementation of the Office of Drug Policy might affect RecoveryOhio or the extent to which any existing state resources may be leveraged to reduce duplicative work and costs. The extent to which the bill affects the Office of the Governor's current expenditures will ultimately depend on how it chooses to implement the bill's requirements.