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SUMMARY

- Establishes the Governor's Office of Drug Policy.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Office of Drug Policy

The bill establishes the Office of Drug Policy within the Office of the Governor. Under the bill, the Office of Drug Policy is tasked with doing all of the following:

1. Coordinating drug-related efforts from across various state agencies and local governments;
2. Sharing information with state agencies and local governments about the measures adopted by other agencies and local governments to prevent and reduce drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death;
3. Formulating policies that are designed to facilitate mutual aid across communities to prevent and reduce drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death;
4. Seeking an increase in funding and resources for drug use prevention and treatment, including through partnerships with the private sector;
5. Removing existing barriers to addiction treatment and services;
6. Preparing quarterly reports outlining best practices and new developments related to drug use prevention and treatment, posting the reports to the Governor's website, and providing copies of the reports to local boards of health and the General Assembly;
7. Establishing a telephone hotline to assist individuals and local communities in preventing and reducing drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death;
8. Organizing and holding quarterly meetings of state and local officials to discuss efforts to prevent and reduce drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death;

9. Establishing a database of federal, state, and local resources that are available for drug use prevention and treatment, providing the public with access to information maintained in the database (including from the Governor's website), and notifying callers to the hotline of the database;
10. Conducting outreach activities (including through television, radio, and other media) to inform the public of drug-related efforts by state agencies and local governments.

The Office of Drug Policy may take any other action it considers necessary to implement the bill. Under the bill, the Governor must appoint an executive director and other staff as necessary to manage the Office of Drug Policy and perform its duties.¹

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 107.64.