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Final Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsor: Sen. Blessing

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will realize an increase in costs to establish and provide training for specified staff employed with private agencies.
- The rate paid to intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) for FY 2023 will not be subject to a daily maximum cap of \$365.05 as specified under current law.
- The bill requires the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODODD) to pay the rate using funds from the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage enacted in the "Families First Coronavirus Response Act." The bill provides up to \$10.0 million plus the corresponding federal share in FY 2023 from line item 653654, Medicaid Services, to fund it.

Detailed Analysis

Department of Job and Family Services

The bill requires professional treatment staff (not subject to licensing requirements for counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists) employed by public children services agencies (PCSAs) to meet the same educational qualifications and in-service training requirements as required of PCSA caseworkers in existing law. Additionally, professional treatment staff employed by private child placing agencies (PCPAs) and private noncustodial agencies must also meet these requirements, except that staff have fewer requirements during the first year of continuous employment. The bill also requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to work with PCPAs and private noncustodial agencies to establish a comprehensive, competency-based professional treatment staff training program for employees of PCPAs and private noncustodial agencies. The bill specifies that required training may be offered by a PCPA, private noncustodial agency, or qualified nonprofit organization, with

approval by ODJFS, until ODJFS establishes a program. After a program is established, all training must be provided by ODJFS only. As a result, ODJFS will realize an increase in costs to help establish and provide this training. PCSA caseworkers currently receive training through the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (OCWTP). The OCWTP is a training system established under ODJFS for public agency staff and managers, as well as resource families. ODJFS may be able to use this system as a basis when developing the required training for private agencies. If any fees could be charged, some costs could be offset. Lastly, ODJFS may realize some minimal costs to approve training programs prior to their development of such a program.

Department of Developmental Disabilities

The bill eliminates an exception, enacted in H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly, specifying that if the statewide average rate for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) exceeds \$365.05 in FY 2023, all payments would be reduced by the percentage the statewide average exceeds that amount. The bill instead requires that for FY 2023, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODODD) will pay each ICF/IID a rate determined under Chapter 5124 of the Revised Code.

The bill requires ODODD for FY 2023 to pay the rate using funds from the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage enacted in the “Families First Coronavirus Response Act.” The bill provides up to \$10.0 million plus the corresponding federal share from line item 653654, Medicaid Services, to fund the ICF/IID rate which will be determined under Chapter 5124 of the Revised Code.