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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill requires the departments of Medicaid and Mental Health and Addiction Services to each operate a prescription digital therapeutics pilot program.
- The bill appropriates \$7.5 million in FY 2023 to each department to fund the pilot programs. The funds come from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars. Any balance remaining at the end of FY 2023 may be reappropriated to FY 2024.

Detailed Analysis

Prescription digital therapeutics pilot programs

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to each operate a prescription digital therapeutics pilot program to explore the effectiveness of prescription digital therapeutics for the treatment of substance use disorders. Prescription digital therapeutics, as described by the bill, are class II medical devices that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of substance use disorders, including opioid use disorders. The pilot programs will operate beginning as soon as is practicable after the bill's effective date, and will run through December 31, 2023, or until appropriated funding for the program runs out. Under the pilot program, participating treatment providers and the departments must make best efforts to include patient participants who have varied demographic backgrounds and experiences with substance use disorders. Each department is required to prepare a report to be submitted to the General Assembly by March 31, 2024.

Fiscal impact

The bill appropriates \$7.5 million in FY 2023 in Fund 5CV3 line item 651692, Digital Therapeutics-ARPA, and requires funds to be used for ODM's pilot program. The bill also appropriates \$7.5 million in FY 2023 in Fund 5CV3 line item 336652, Digital Therapeutics-ARPA, and requires funds to be used for OhioMHAS's pilot program. Funds for both pilot programs come from federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars. Finally, the bill reappropriates any balance in either line item remaining at the end of FY 2023 to FY 2024.