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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) may experience an increase in costs to incorporate awareness information regarding Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia into the Department's relevant public health outreach.
- Government-owned hospitals may realize minimal costs to ensure that specified health care practitioners are providing sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP) information to patients.

Detailed Analysis

The bill makes a number of awareness or other designations which will have no fiscal impact to the state or local political subdivisions. See LSC's bill analysis for a comprehensive list of these designations. Provisions with fiscal impacts are discussed below.

Alzheimer's disease and dementia awareness

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to coordinate with the Department of Aging, the Commission on Minority Health, and community organizations that focus on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia to incorporate awareness information into ODH's relevant public health outreach. Under the bill, the parties must design the information to educate and increase awareness and understanding among health care providers, community organizations, and the general public on topics related to cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and other types of dementia. Topics must include early warning signs, the value of reducing risk factors, the importance of early detection and timely diagnosis, how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline, assessment tools for detection and diagnosis, and the importance of an annual Medicare wellness visit or other physical for individuals aged 65 and older for cognitive health. ODH may experience an increase in costs to provide this information. Costs will depend

on the implementation strategy employed (e.g., will pamphlets with this information be published and/or displayed on ODH's website, provided through a media campaign, etc.).

Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy information

The bill requires any health care practitioner who has the primary responsibility for the treatment or care, other than during an emergency situation, of a patient who has been diagnosed with epilepsy to provide the patient with written information regarding (1) current, evidence-based information developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP) risk factors and conditions, which may be obtained through a link on ODH's website, and (2) contact information for nonprofit organizations that provide information and support services for epilepsy conditions. The bill requires ODH to post a link on ODH's website to the CDC's SUDEP information. The bill also permits any local or national organization that provides education or services related to epilepsy conditions to request that ODH include the organization's informational material and contact information on its website. Once a request is made, the ODH Director may add the information to the Department's website.

ODH may experience an increase in costs to post a link to the CDC's SUDEP information, or other information as requested by local or national epilepsy organizations, on ODH's website. However, these costs should be negligible. Additionally, government-owned hospitals and other health care facilities may experience minimal costs to ensure patients are receiving the required information.