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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the State Medical Board of Ohio, and the Ohio Board of Nursing may experience minimal costs to promulgate or update rules and to respond to any additional questions or complaints associated with the bill's changes regarding contrast administration.
- Government-owned hospitals may also experience minimal costs to update their policies to comply with the bill's changes.

Detailed Analysis

The bill allows radiographers, radiation therapy technologists, and nuclear medicine technologists to administer imaging contrast under either the direct or general supervision of a physician. Under the bill, registered nurses may administer imaging contrast as well if they (1) received training and meet competency guidelines for administering contrast set by the institution at which the registered nurse practices and (2) administer the contrast under direct or general supervision. Direct supervision does not require the supervising physician to observe the administration, but the physician is required to be present at the location of the procedure. Under general supervision, the physician is not required to be observing or present at the location of the procedure, but the physician must be readily available to consult with the practitioners. The bill also permits radiologist assistants to administer contrast under a supervising radiologist's remote supervision. Current law allows radiologist assistants to do so only under onsite supervision. Under general or remote supervision, a health care provider who meets certain qualifications must be present at the location to provide assistance in case of a reaction to the contrast material or any other adverse event concerning the administration of the contrast.

Fiscal analysis

The Ohio Department of Health licenses radiation technician professionals, the State Medical Board of Ohio licenses radiation assistants, and the Ohio Board of Nursing licenses registered nurses. As a result, these entities may experience minimal costs to promulgate or update rules and to respond to any additional questions or complaints regarding these provisions.

Government-owned hospitals that provide imaging services may also realize minimal costs to update their policies to comply with the bill.

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