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Highlights

- The Division of Soil and Water Conservation within the Department of Agriculture will incur new costs to support the 18-member Healthy Soils Task Force created by the bill. The costs will depend on the scope of the Task Force's activities, but are likely to be minimal. The funding to cover these costs will come from the GRF under appropriation line item (ALI) 700428, Soil and Water Division.

Detailed Analysis

The new costs that the Division of Soil and Water Conservation incurs for supporting the Healthy Soils Task Force will be paid from the GRF under ALI 700428, Soil and Water Division. The costs will depend on the scope of the review of matters concerning soil health, the comprehensive action plan, reimbursements made to the 18 members of the Task Force for their actual and necessary expenses, and any staffing assistance the Division provides the Task Force, including help with the final report.

Specifically, the bill requires the Task Force to develop a comprehensive healthy soils initiative for Ohio, make recommendations, identify goals and timelines for implementing a soil health strategy, and review potential ways to leverage state, local, and private funding to promote soil health. In addition, the bill requires the Task Force to develop a comprehensive action plan for meeting soil health goals. Finally, the bill requires the Task Force to submit the comprehensive action plan and a final report to the Governor and the Ohio House and Senate committees responsible for agriculture issues.