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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In House Arts, Athletics, and Tourism

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Schmidt

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) could experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to develop a procedure for reporting violations or to update its existing automated external defibrillator (AED) emergency action plan.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to develop both (1) a model emergency action plan for the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) by athletic facilities, and (2) a procedure for reporting violations of the bill's requirements. Existing law requires ODH to develop a model plan for use by schools, youth sports organizations, and other sports and recreation locations. ODH may experience a minimal increase in costs to develop a procedure for reporting violations or to update its existing model plan.[1]

The bill requires each athletic facility that maintains an AED on its premises to train at least one staff member to use the facility's AED based on the manufacturer's recommendations and to require the trained staff to demonstrate competency using the AED. Athletic facilities must also adopt an emergency action plan for the AED's use, which may be based on ODH's model plan. However, the bill exempts athletic facilities that do not have any staff or staff on duty while customers are on their premises from these requirements. The bill defines athletic facilities as privately owned facilities, so publicly owned facilities will not be required to comply with these provisions. ODH may experience minimal costs to respond to any reported violations regarding these facilities.

[1] See ODH's Model Emergency Action Plan for the Use of an Automated External Defibrillator (PDF).

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill, l_136_2251-5, removes provisions added by the previous substitute bill (l_136_2251-2) that expanded current law by requiring districts and schools to place an automated external defibrillator (AED) in school-related locations specified in the Ohio Department of Health's (ODH's) revised model AED emergency action plan. The new substitute bill also removes a provision that allowed schools to adopt their emergency action plan for the use of AEDs based on standards set by nationally recognized organizations. Thus, any related costs to schools will not be incurred. Lastly, the new substitute bill removes specific requirements regarding ODH's model action plan that were added by the previous substitute bill. If these required ODH to establish or change current action plans, there could have been costs. With this removal, these costs will not be realized.

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