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SUMMARY

- Requires the Ohio Department of Health to assess its central warehousing operations.
- Appropriates \$185,000 in FY 2027 to support the Department's assessment.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Department of Health central warehousing operations

The bill appropriates \$185,000 – in fiscal year 2027 – to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to support an assessment of ODH's central warehousing operations.¹

Assessment

As part of the required assessment, ODH must do all of the following:

- Deploy quality assurance and operations professionals to conduct a comprehensive assessment and audit of the warehouse's existing inventory;
- Inspect and evaluate products contained within the inventory for damages, defects, or nonconformance;
- Dispose of damaged, defective, or nonconforming products in accordance with ODH recommendations;
- Sort, separate, and organize all products by type and disposition;
- Implement a digital warehouse management system to catalog and track products in real time for improved visibility, accountability, and deployment efficiency;

¹ Section 2.

- Catalog and enter into the digital warehouse management system the inventory's products.²

Report and recommendations

The bill requires ODH to conduct a report on the readiness of the central warehouse's inventory and stockpile. ODH also must develop recommendations regarding the following topics: (1) inventory quality, safety, and efficacy, (2) enhancements to its emergency response readiness, (3) improvements to its space and operational efficiencies, and (4) efforts to ensure good manufacturing practice compliance and promote proper warehouse hygiene. In conducting the report and developing recommendations, ODH must partner with a third-party entity.³

HISTORY

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² Section 2(A).

³ Section 2(B).