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House Bill 483: DODD Update
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Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Minority Member Driehaus and members of the House Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present House Bill 483.

This bill was drafted based on recommendations from Director Martin and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. It seeks to update several programs. The bill will be given more detailed explanation in Director Martin's testimony, but there are three primary provisions that I will outline.

First, this bill proposes to transfer the Early Intervention (EI) lead agency status from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). This will help streamline services so that there is less confusion and duplication. As the Director will allude to, children that participate in the EI program continue to receive services in the DD system, which is why county boards financially support EI.

Second, this bill would allow a day service facility operator to close a facility without having to pay any amount left on the depreciation schedule. This policy would be similar to that of a residential facility, as a result of language enacted in H.B. 64 of this General Assembly. And to clarify, this will not cost the state any money. Bonds that were used to finance day service facility construction or renovation have been retired.

Third, this bill proposes to ease regulatory requirements to allow direct staff to administer medications. Currently, prescribed oral medications, topical prescribed medications, J and G tube prescribed medications, insulin injection or pump, and other various healthcare tasks are allowed with certification and delegation. The administration is proposing to expand these practices to allow administering of the following:

- vagal nerve stimulator,
- epinephrine auto injector,
- over-the-counter medicated products such as toothpaste, sunscreen, and chapstick,
- oxygen and metered dose inhalers,
- over-the-counter topical medications for sore muscles and joints such as Bengay,
- inhaled insulin and non-insulin injections for pre-diabetic and diabetic,
- pulse oximetry reading,

- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure machine (CPAP),
- percussion vests,
- cough assist insufflator, and
- compression hosiery.

Additional changes include the return of efficiency incentives to DODD from Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) providers who did not downsize or convert, clarifying a cost report drafting discrepancy, removing Targeted Case Management language, and allowing DODD to deny certification to a new provider if the Department of Medicaid denies the provider to enter into a Medicaid provider agreement.

I want to thank the Department for bringing forward these recommendations to the Legislature. I look forward to working with committee members and interested parties in the upcoming weeks.