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A BILL

To enact section 107.64 of the Revised Code to 1
establish the Governor's Office of Drug Policy. 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 107.64 of the Revised Code be 3
enacted to read as follows: 4

Sec. 107.64. (A) The office of drug policy is hereby 5
established within the office of the governor. The office of 6
drug policy shall do all of the following: 7

(1) Coordinate drug-related efforts from across state 8
agencies and local governments; 9

(2) Share with state agencies and local governments 10
information about measures adopted by other agencies or 11
governments to prevent and reduce the incidence of drug misuse, 12
addiction, and overdose death; 13

(3) Formulate policies designed to facilitate mutual aid 14

across communities in their attempts to prevent and reduce drug 15
misuse, addiction, and overdose deaths; 16

(4) Seek increased funding and resources for drug use 17
prevention and treatment, including through partnerships with 18
the private sector; 19

(5) Remove existing barriers to addiction treatment and 20
services, including by reviewing existing agency rules; 21

(6) On a quarterly basis, prepare a report outlining best 22
practices and new developments related to drug use prevention 23
and treatment, post the report to the governor's web site, 24
provide copies to local boards of health, and submit a copy to 25
the general assembly in accordance with section 101.68 of the 26
Revised Code; 27

(7) Establish a telephone hotline to assist individuals 28
and local communities in preventing and reducing drug misuse, 29
addiction, and overdose deaths; 30

(8) On a quarterly basis, organize and hold a meeting of 31
state and local officials to discuss efforts to prevent and 32
reduce drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death; 33

(9) Establish a database of federal, state, and local 34
resources available for drug use prevention and treatment, allow 35
the public to access information maintained in the database, 36
including from the governor's web site, and notify callers to 37
the telephone hotline of the database; 38

(10) Conduct outreach activities, including through 39
television, radio, and other media, to inform the public of 40
drug-related efforts by state agencies and local governments. 41

The office of drug policy may take any other action it 42

considers necessary to implement this section. 43

(B) The governor shall appoint an executive director and 44
as necessary other staff to manage the office and perform its 45
duties. 46