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Bill Analysis
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Reps. Ford, Barrett, Boyd, Britton, Flannery, Hartnett, D. Miller, Opfer, Patton, Perry, Sullivan, Sykes

BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes the Methadone Review Council to study the use of methadone as a mode of drug treatment.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill establishes the Methadone Review Council consisting of 11 members:

- (1) The Director of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services or the director's designee, who is to serve as chairperson for the council;
- (2) The Director of Health or the director's designee;
- (3) The Director of Rehabilitation and Correction or the director's designee;
- (4) Executive Director of the State Board of Pharmacy;
- (5) Two members of the House of Representatives, one each from the majority and minority parties, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (6) Two members of the Senate, one each from the majority and minority parties, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (7) One person receiving methadone as a drug treatment, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;
- (8) Two representatives from different methadone treatment agencies, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Appointments are to be made not later than January 1, 2000. Vacancies are to be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

Other than reimbursement by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, members of the council are to receive no compensation.

The council is required under the bill to hold monthly meetings and do all of the following:

(1) Study the use of methadone as treatment in programs funded by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and determine how many Ohioans receive methadone daily in those programs;

(2) Determine how many Ohioans treated with methadone have successfully completed within a year drug treatment in programs of treatment agencies funded by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and how community agencies are complying with protocols on drug use and urinalysis monitoring;

(3) Determine whether or not the use of methadone as a mode of drug treatment should be discontinued, maintained, or expanded.

The bill requires the council to make a report not later than January 1, 2001 to the Director of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Senate. At the time the report is issued, the council is to cease to exist.

HISTORY

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