



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Reps. Smith and Johnson

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Office of Human Services Innovation in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
- Requires the Office, not later than January 1, 2015, to submit to the Governor recommendations regarding public assistance programs.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Office of Human Services Innovation

The bill establishes the Office of Human Services Innovation in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). The ODJFS Director is required to establish the Office's organizational structure, is permitted to reassign ODJFS's staff and resources as necessary to support the Office's activities, and is responsible for the Office's operations. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, and Director of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation are required by the bill to assist the ODJFS Director with leadership and organizational support for the Office.

The bill requires the Office to submit recommendations to the Governor not later than January 1, 2015, for all of the following:

(1) Coordinating services across all public assistance programs to help individuals find employment, succeed at work, and stay out of poverty;

(2) Revising incentives for public assistance programs to foster person-centered case management;

(3) Standardizing and automating eligibility determination policies and processes for public assistance programs;

(4) Other matters the Office considers appropriate.

The Office is required, in its development of the recommendations, to do both of the following:

(1) Have as its goal the coordination and reform of state programs to assist Ohioans in preparing for life and the dignity of work and to promote individual responsibility and work opportunity;

(2) Not later than three months after the bill's effective date, establish clear principles to guide the development of the recommendations, clearly identify problems to be addressed in the recommendations, and make an inventory of all existing state and other resources that the Office considers relevant to the development of the recommendations.

The bill requires the Office to convene and coordinate the directors and staff of the departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions of the executive branch of the state as necessary to develop the recommendations. The departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions must comply with all requests and directives that the Office makes, subject to the supervision of the directors of the departments, agencies, offices, boards, and commissions. The Office also must convene other individuals interested in the issues that the Office addresses in the development of the recommendations to obtain their input on, and support for, the recommendations.

HISTORY

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