



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 761 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Brinkman and Becker

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Requires certain convention and visitors' bureaus to make all meeting minutes, vendor payment information, and financial information available for public inspection

Convention and visitors' bureaus (CVBs) affected by the bill would likely incur negligible, if any, new costs to make meeting minutes, vendor payment information, and financial information available for public inspection. The bill requires a CVB to open these records for public inspection if the CVB's board of trustees includes a member or officer who is also an elected official or designee of an elected official of a county, township, or municipal corporation that has levied an excise lodging tax. CVBs are typically created as not-for-profit entities. Although the Ohio Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus (OACVB) lists 66 participating members, no comprehensive statewide directory of CVBs exists. Consequently, it is difficult to estimate the number of CVBs that might be affected by the bill. However, the lodging tax is a common way of funding many CVBs, among other sources of operating revenue. According to information from the Ohio Department of Taxation, as of 2009, the most recent year for which data was available, 64 counties, 135 townships, and 186 municipalities had levied some kind of excise lodging tax.