



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 131 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Reps. Gavarone and Reineke

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Revise physical therapy laws

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may minimally increase administrative costs for the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT).

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill modifies the scope of practice for physical therapists by specifying that the practice of physical therapy includes the evaluation of a person to determine a physical therapy diagnosis to treat impairments or disabilities, determine a prognosis, and develop a therapeutic intervention plan. Additionally, the bill makes changes to education requirements and reciprocity conditions for physical therapy assistants and specifies the practice of physical therapy includes physiotherapy. Physical therapists are licensed by OTPTAT. The bill may result in an increase in costs to the Board if the modified scope results in any additional complaints and subsequent investigations; the Board may also experience additional costs to evaluate applicants applying for equivalent licenses that were licensed in other countries. Any increase will likely be minimal.