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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Judiciary

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Oelslager and Hillyer

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill may increase the number of civil actions filed in local courts, with any related increase in annual operating expenses likely to be offset to some degree by the payment of court fees and costs.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state.

Detailed Analysis

The bill expands the exercise of personal jurisdiction by a court to include personal jurisdiction over a person on any basis consistent with the Ohio Constitution and the United States Constitution rather than only allowing a cause of action arising from specific acts enumerated under the Revised Code.

Apparently, those two constitutional documents can limit Ohio's long-arm statute under certain circumstances. "Long-arm" refers to a court's ability to obtain personal jurisdiction over an out-of-state defendant when the defendant has sufficient connections to the state. The bill would increase the ability for Ohio courts to assert civil jurisdiction over actions by an out-of-state actor, which presumably means some increase in the number of civil actions filed in local courts and subsequently adjudicated. Although the potential number of resulting civil actions is unknown, any resulting increase in a local court's annual operating expenses is not expected to be significant, and may be partially offset by the payment of court fees and costs.