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(1_134_1010-2)
134th General Assembly

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In House Civil Justice

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Galonski

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Specified state agencies could realize minimal administrative costs to participate on the Antiquated and Biased Language Elimination (ABLE) Committee, which is created by the bill.

Detailed Analysis

The bill expresses the intent of the General Assembly to enact legislation to remove from the Revised Code derogatory terminology regarding individuals with disabilities. The bill additionally creates the ABLE Committee and specifies Committee membership.

The bill requires the Director of Developmental Disabilities to appoint a representative of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODODD) to the Committee. The directors of the departments of Aging, Health, and Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS), as well as the Attorney General, are also required to appoint a representative. The bill requires the Director of Developmental Disabilities to send notice to each of the additional organizations specified in the bill, informing them of the creation of the Committee and inviting them to appoint one representative each. The bill specifies that the ODODD representative must call two meetings of the Committee, and after the second meeting, compile a report of the Committee's recommendations. The report must be completed within six months of the effective date of the bill. Upon submission of this report, the Committee ceases to exist.

The bill could result in minimal administrative costs for the participating state agencies. Any increase would be absorbed with existing resources.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill (I_134_1010-2) creates the Antiquated and Biased Language Elimination (ABLE) Committee, which could result in some minimal costs for specified state agencies to participate on the Committee. Any increase would be absorbed with existing resources. The As Introduced version of the bill did not contain this provision. The As Introduced version contained only intent language, and had no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. The intent language is maintained in the substitute bill.