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Final Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Carfagna

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions; the bill does not make any changes to contribution rates to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F).
- Some of the provisions related to disability benefits may affect the retirement system's liabilities related to such benefits in the future.

Detailed Analysis

Under ongoing law, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) Board is required to adopt rules according to which a member's eligibility for disability benefits must be determined. The bill modifies the guidelines for issuing such rules, such that the Board may assign competent and disinterested advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and vocational evaluators to conduct examinations of its members who apply for disability benefits, in addition to physicians; under existing law such examinations must be conducted by a physician. The bill also specifies requirements related to a report of an examination conducted by an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant. The bill modifies other provisions of law related to disability benefits under the OP&F. The bill also repeals a requirement that a physician conduct preemployment examination of a prospective OP&F member, allowing another health care professional to do so. Please see the LSC bill analysis for detailed descriptions of the bill provisions.

Fiscal effect

The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. The bill does not make any changes to contribution rates to the OP&F. However, some of the provisions may affect the retirement system's administrative costs and liabilities related to disability benefits in the future.