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**H.B. 602**  
**135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Reported by House Public Health Policy

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Fowler Arthur and McClain

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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The Department of Children and Youth (DCY)<sup>1</sup> might experience a reduction in administrative costs due to the bill's provision that exempts home education learning pods from licensure and regulation as a child care center or family child care home. If any of these pods currently hold a license, there could be a decrease in associated regulatory costs and a subsequent loss in license fee revenue. There should be no direct impact associated with the bill's provision that prohibits a county or township from restricting or limiting the location of, or imposing additional or more stringent regulations on a building or residence based solely on its association with or use by, home education learning pods within any district/zone in the county or township.

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<sup>1</sup> H.B. 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly transferred child care functions from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to the Department of Children and Youth. The transfer of duties, functions, programs, and staff must be implemented in a detailed plan by January 1, 2025. Thus, some associated costs could still be under the Department of Job and Family Services.