



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 161 of the 131st G.A.

Date: December 10, 2015

Status: As Enacted

Sponsor: Sen. Oelslager

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Authorizes probate judges to issue search warrants

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill authorizes a probate judge to issue search warrants in criminal matters. It is in response to a recent ruling in which the Ohio Supreme Court held that a probate judge does not have such authority. As a result of the bill, a search warrant may, in certain circumstances, be issued, directed to, and executed by, law enforcement in a timelier manner than might otherwise have been the case under current law and practice.

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