



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 112 of the 131st G.A.

Date: October 30, 2015

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Lehner

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

Contents: Requires public buildings to have at least one rest room facility with an adult changing station

State and Local Fiscal Highlights

- The state and local political subdivisions will incur additional costs to fulfill the bill's requirement that every building constructed on or after January 1, 2017, that is used for assembly purposes have at least one rest room facility equipped with an adult changing table.
- The cost of adult changing tables meeting the bill's specifications ranges from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per unit. In addition, there would be some cost for ensuring that adult changing tables are placed in an enclosed space as required under the bill, as well as installation. The total added cost that the state or local political subdivisions incurs for meeting this requirement ultimately depends on the number of buildings that are constructed after January 1, 2017.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires every building constructed on or after January 1, 2017, that is used for assembly purposes to have at least one rest room facility with an adult changing table. The bill defines adult changing table as a wall mounted, folding ergonomic table for special needs diapering of adults. The table must meet certain requirements, such as having a weight capacity of at least 400 pounds and being in an enclosed space that fits the table in an open position, a wheelchair, and a caregiver. As a result, this will increase building costs for the state and local political subdivisions.

LSC was able to gather price information from two adult changing table manufacturers, Max-Ability and Smirthwaite, that make changing tables fitting the criteria established in the bill. The price of an adult changing table ranges from \$3,000 to \$6,000. In addition to the cost of buying the changing tables, the state and local political subdivisions would also bear the cost of installation and ensuring that the equipment is put in an enclosed space in the rest room as specified under the bill. This may require additional square footage to accommodate the equipment. If additional square footage is needed, building costs may increase for the state and local political subdivisions. Such building costs include those for additional doors, more walls and flooring, and so forth. All of these costs would depend on the number of new buildings used for assembly purposes that are constructed by the state or local political subdivisions after January 1, 2017, when this requirement takes effect under the bill. Lastly, the bill requires the Board of Building Standards within the Department of Commerce to adopt rules that are established in the bill for adult changing tables. Presumably, incorporating these standards within rules will not have a fiscal effect on the Board.