



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 217 of the 131st G.A.

Date: March 18, 2016

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Rep. Ruhl

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Authorizes certain advanced practice registered nurses to have a person involuntarily transported to a hospital for a mental health examination

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Possible minimal increase in costs for local hospitals.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits a clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner to have an individual involuntarily hospitalized for mental health treatment in an emergency if the nurse has a psychiatric-mental health certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center or similar certification from an organization approved by the Ohio State Board of Nursing. The Board of Nursing does not anticipate any costs to the Board associated with the provisions of the bill.

Under current law, a psychiatrist, licensed clinical psychologist, physician, health officer, parole officer, police officer, sheriff, chief of the adult parole authority, or a parole or probation officer with the chief's authority is already authorized to have an individual involuntarily hospitalized for an emergency mental health examination. It is possible that local hospitals will experience an increase in costs if the addition of advance practice registered nurses to this list increases the number of involuntary hospitalizations, but any increase would likely be minimal.

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