



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 513 of the 131st G.A.

Date: May 23, 2016

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Gonzales

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Breastfeeding baby as grounds for excusing a juror

State and Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill expands the circumstances in which a prospective juror could be excused from jury service to include the prospective juror being a mother who is breastfeeding her baby. A mother who requests an excuse on this basis is required to provide the judge with documentation to support the request. The bill provides that a signed affidavit stating the prospective juror is a mother who is breastfeeding is satisfactory documentation. If a prospective juror fails to provide satisfactory documentation, the court may deny the request. Under continuing law, a judge of the court for which the prospective juror was called to jury service must make undue or extreme physical or financial hardship determinations, or may delegate the authority to make these determinations to an appropriate court employee appointed by the court.

The bill will have no discernible fiscal effect on the jury service operations of common pleas, municipal, and county courts, as these courts will be able to incorporate this new juror exclusion into their day-to-day business using currently available resources.

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