Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 279 of the 131st G.A. **Date**: May 24, 2016

Status: As Reported by House Insurance **Sponsor**: Rep. Henne

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Financial Responsibility Law

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 prohibits, subject to certain exceptions, individuals who do not maintain satisfactory minimum levels of automobile insurance from collecting noneconomic damages for harm sustained in a motor vehicle accident. This provision will not generate additional cases for courts to dispose of, and conceivably could result in fewer such suits being filed. It is also possible that certain suits seeking damages may be disposed of more quickly than otherwise might have been the case under current law. The bill will not generate any additional costs for the courts and clerks of courts that handle these damages cases.

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