



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 265 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** November 30, 2016

Status: As Reported by Senate Criminal Justice **Sponsor:** Sen. Seitz

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Casino Control Law prohibition

State and Local Fiscal Highlights

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

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under the Casino Control Law, a casino operator or employee is prohibited from purposely or knowingly participating in casino gaming other than as part of operation or employment. A person who violates the prohibition commits a first degree misdemeanor on the first offense and a fifth degree felony for a subsequent offense. The bill modifies the prohibition by stating that it applies with respect to casino gaming at the casino facility at which the casino operator or employee has an interest or is employed at an affiliated casino facility in Ohio.¹

Since the Casino Control Law was enacted in September 2010, no casino operator or employee has been charged with a violation of this prohibited conduct. The bill makes it even less likely that such a violation may occur in the future by narrowing the locations in which the conduct is prohibited. Given the extremely low likelihood of such violations, the bill will have no direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.

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¹ "Casino facility" means the Cleveland, Franklin County, Cincinnati, and Toledo casino facilities.