OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 451 of the 131st G.A. **Date**: December 8, 2016

Status: As Reported by Senate Civil Justice **Sponsor**: Rep. Boose

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Forfeiture of statutory priority to make life-sustaining treatment decisions

State and Local Fiscal Highlights

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

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill provides that an individual's statutory priority to decide whether or not to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment for the individual's relative is forfeited if (1) the individual is the subject of a protection order, and the patient is the alleged victim, (2) the individual is married to the patient and they are in the process of ending the marriage, or (3) the individual has been charged with felonious or aggravated assault and the serious physical harm suffered by the patient as a result of the offense directly caused the patient to be in a terminal condition. As these provisions affect decisions made by family members and attorneys in the context of some medical crisis, there will be no direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.

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