



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 9 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by Senate Local Government, Public Safety, & Veterans Affairs

Sponsor: Rep. Koehler

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Malfunctioning traffic control signals

The bill, which contains an emergency clause, will likely have no discernible ongoing fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions. It narrows a provision of law, which became effective March 21, 2017, that allows a vehicle to proceed through an intersection if the traffic control signal is "otherwise malfunctioning, including the failure of a vehicle detector to detect the vehicle," by limiting its application only to bicycles. In doing so, the bill, if enacted, requires all other vehicles, except bicycles, to follow the protocol for proceeding through an intersection with a malfunctioning traffic control signal that is currently in effect.

The number of noncommercial driver convictions for traffic control light violations totaled 23,436 in calendar year 2015. The number of those that involved proceeding through an intersection with a malfunctioning traffic control signal due to failure of a vehicle detector to detect a vehicle is uncertain, but likely to be a relatively small subset of that number. The number of bicyclists convicted of the same offense is likely to be an even smaller subset. As such, any impact on law enforcement or fine revenue from March 21, 2017, until the bill's effective date, if enacted, is likely to be negligible, as is the impact of the bill's bicycle provision when compared to current law.

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