



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 95 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Terhar

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Requires the consideration of all piping materials for state-funded water or waste water projects

The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It requires public authorities to consider all piping materials for the construction, development, maintenance, rebuilding, improvement, repair, or operation of a water or waste water project that is funded in whole or in part with state money, as long as the piping materials meet the engineering specifications for the project as determined by the design engineer. Pipes can be fabricated from plastic polymers, concrete, steel, and fiberglass, for example. Although the bill requires consideration of all piping materials, it does not place any requirements on public authorities to purchase particular piping materials. Presumably, water and waste water projects funded in whole or in part with state money already consider and use piping materials that meet the design engineer's specifications. Thus, the bill is unlikely to result in public authorities making a decision to change piping materials from what would be procured under current law. If a change in piping materials were made on projects that are funded with state money, it could either increase or decrease the construction cost. The bill would have no effect on the cost of water or waste water projects that are paid for using only local funding, where public authorities are free to use whatever piping material they prefer. This could include, for example, city sewer projects funded with municipal bonds, or drainage repairs done by a township that are funded by assessments.

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