



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 145 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by House Government Accountability and Oversight

Sponsor: Reps. Huffman and Sprague

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Establishes a confidential program for impaired health care practitioners

State Fiscal Highlights

- The State Medical Board could realize a minimal increase in costs to establish the One-Bite Program, but also may experience a decrease in costs if the establishment of the Program leads to fewer impairment-related investigations.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the State Medical Board to establish the "One-Bite Program," which is a confidential program for treatment of health care practitioners whose ability to practice their profession is impaired due to habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances. The Board is to contract with one organization to conduct the Program. The bill requires One-Bite Program participants to pay for all treatment and evaluation costs. Therefore, increases in costs to the Board associated with establishing the Program are not likely to be significant. These costs include those associated with adopting or modifying rules and reviewing additional reports.

The Board could also realize a decrease in costs if the establishment of the Program leads to fewer impairment-related investigations. Under the bill, cases of suspected practitioner impairment will be reported to the monitoring organization rather than the Board as under existing law.

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