



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 37 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Sen. Hite

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Chief of police training course

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- **Attorney General.** The Attorney General's annual cost to conduct the required chief of police training course is estimated at around \$25,000.
- **Local fiscal effects.** The annual expenses (compensation, meals, lodging, and travel) likely to be incurred by any given appointing authority for the chief of police attending the required training is likely to be minimal at most.
- **Department of Commerce.** The bill modifies an existing earmark under line item 800610, Fire Marshal, which earmarked \$150,000 in FY 2018 to provide a loan for fire training center equipment to a fire training center that received an appropriation in S.B. 310 of the 131st General Assembly (the capital appropriations bill). The bill instead establishes the earmark under line item 800635, Small Government Fire Departments, and changes it from a loan to a grant.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Chief of police training course

The bill requires the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a 40-hour chief of police training course for newly appointed chiefs of police appointed on or after January 1, 2018. The course must be conducted, at least semiannually, at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. The costs of conducting the training are to be paid by the Office of the Ohio Attorney General.

The Commission estimates that statewide approximately 50 new police chiefs are appointed each year by Ohio law enforcement agencies. The cost of the 40-hour (five days) training course will be \$100 per day for each chief, or a total of \$500 per chief. If 50 police chiefs receive this training in any given year, the approximate annual cost to the Attorney General will be around \$25,000. The Attorney General's operating budget has several appropriation line items that could be used to pay for the training; however no decision has been made as to the source of the funding. The actual training course already exists, so there are no course development-related expenses.

The bill requires the appointing political subdivision to continue the chief's usual compensation while the chief is attending the course and to pay for any related meals, lodging, and travel. The compensation and other costs for any given appointing political subdivision are likely to be minimal at most annually.

Department of Commerce

The bill modifies an earmark established in H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, the Main Operating Budget Act. H.B. 49 earmarked \$150,000 in FY 2018 to provide a loan for fire training center equipment to a fire training center that received an appropriation in S.B. 310 of the 131st General Assembly (the capital appropriations bill). This bill instead establishes the earmark under line item 800635, Small Government Fire Departments, and changes it from a loan to a grant.