



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 131 of the 132nd G.A.
(L_132_0855-2)

Status: In House Health

Sponsor: Reps. Gavarone and Reineke

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Revise physical therapy laws

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill expands the scope of practice for physical therapists by allowing them to order certain tests if specified circumstances are met, diagnose a physical impairment or disability, determine a prognosis, and develop a therapeutic intervention plan. Physical therapists are licensed by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. The bill may result in an increase in costs to the Board if the expanded scope of practice results in additional complaints and subsequent investigations; any increase will likely be minimal.

Summary of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill makes changes that generally narrows the expanded scope of practice afforded to physical therapists in the As Introduced version. This includes limiting the tests that can be ordered and the conditions that can be diagnosed by a physical therapist. These changes do not affect the fiscal analysis of the bill.

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