



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 283 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by House Criminal Justice

Sponsor: Rep. Rezabek

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Juvenile court consent for certain adoptions

The net annual fiscal effect on courts of common pleas and county public children services agencies will be minimal at most.

The bill:

- Prohibits a probate court from exercising jurisdiction over a petition for adoption regarding a child in the temporary custody or protective supervision of a public children services agency or private child placement agency, unless the juvenile court judge presiding over the abuse, neglect, or dependency case involving the child has provided written consent to the adoption.
- Establishes a procedure for the juvenile court upon receiving a request for consent from the probate court.
- Allows a court to enter a posthumous final adoption decree, if a child to be adopted dies after placed in the adoptive home.

The resulting effect may be a minimal increase in the workload and related annual operating expenses of the probate and juvenile divisions of a court of common pleas to seek and give consent, respectively, and, in rare instances, certain children may spend more time in temporary care or protective supervision. It was also suggested during the course of LSC's research that jurisdictional ambiguity under current law has created a small number of complex and time-consuming adoption cases. Presumably, the bill will reduce the likelihood of such cases in the future.

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