



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 144 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Enacted

Sponsor: Sen. Burke

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill creates the 15-member Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Council to replace the current seven-member OOD Commission, the 17-member Consumer Advisory Committee, and the 21-member Governor's Council on People with Disabilities. The bill specifies that the OOD Agency must provide administrative support to the OOD Council, assist it in performing its duties, and collaborate with the Council to develop a resource plan. The OOD Agency estimates that travel and reimbursements for the full 45 members on the three committees to be abolished costs about \$50,000 annually; reducing the membership to one committee with 15 members will cost about \$16,700 annually, a savings of \$33,300 per year. Additionally, fewer committees could reduce OOD costs since OOD staff provide administrative support to the committees.

In addition, the bill does the following: (1) restores staggered terms of office for employee members representing firefighters on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and (2) adds the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine to the boards which may be certified in order to be eligible for appointment to the Trauma Committee of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. These changes should have no fiscal impact.

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