



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 504 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Pelanda

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Creates an interior designer certificate

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### State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may increase administrative costs for the Board of Building Standards (BBS) within the Department of Commerce to issue and renew interior designer certificates and enforce the bill's provisions. Any costs will at least be partially offset by fines or application and renewal fees to be determined by BBS. Fees will be deposited into the Industrial Compliance Fund (Fund 5560).

### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the Ohio Board of Building Standards (BBS) of the Industrial Compliance Division within the Department of Commerce to oversee the certification of interior designers. The certificate is to be renewed biannually, and a certified interior designer must complete 20 hours of continuing education before renewing the certificate. A person is exempt from an interior design certificate if the person holds a valid certificate to practice architecture issued under the Architects Law who is practicing architecture or performing architecture acts or interior design. Additionally, there are exemptions for persons providing plans or specifications to a building official under the Nonresidential Building Code or preparing construction-related documents that do not need approval by a building official. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that there are 1,830 interior designers in the state as of May 2016.

The bill may increase administrative costs for BBS to enforce the bill's provisions and issue and renew certificates. Any costs would at least be partially offset by fines or application and renewal fees that are to be established by BBS in rules. BBS is overseen by 15 board members appointed by the Governor and employs 12 staff. Under continuing law, BBS formulates and adopts rules governing the erection, construction, repair, and alteration of residential and nonresidential buildings. BBS also certifies local building departments for the purposes of enforcing the state building codes. BBS is funded by fees deposited into the Industrial Compliance Fund (Fund 5560). In FY 2017, BBS expenses amounted to approximately \$1.3 million.