



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 131 of the 132nd G.A.
(L_132_0855-4)

Status: In House Health

Sponsor: Reps. Gavarone and Reineke **Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

Subject: Revise physical therapy laws

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may increase costs for the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT) if the modified scope of practice for physical therapists results in additional complaints and investigations. The increase will likely be minimal.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill modifies the scope of practice for physical therapists by specifying that they can diagnose a physical impairment or disability, determine a prognosis, and develop a therapeutic intervention plan. Physical therapists are licensed by OTPTAT. The bill may result in an increase in costs to the Board if the modified scope of practice results in additional complaints and subsequent investigations; any increase will likely be minimal.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill (L_132_0855-4) makes changes that generally narrows the expanded scope of practice afforded to physical therapists in the L_132_0855-2 version of the bill. This includes removing the option for a physical therapist to order x-rays under certain circumstances and clarifying that a physical therapy diagnosis does not constitute any medical diagnosis. If these changes reduce the number of additional complaints to OTPTAT, then the cost associated with L_132_0855-4 will be less than under the L_132_0855-2 version of the bill.

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