



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 559 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Gonzales and Landis

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Modifies immunization documentation requirements for students

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill creates new administrative duties for the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) that may minimally increase ODH's administrative costs.
- The bill's modifications may also affect the administrative costs of school districts, community and STEM schools, and county boards of developmental disabilities, but these effects also will be minimal.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill modifies the requirements regarding the documentation of immunization of children enrolled in child care programs, preschools, and primary and secondary schools.

Department of Health

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to develop and publish on its website two forms to be used by health care providers when documenting a child's immunization history. One is to be used for children enrolled in a child care program and the other for children enrolled in a school. They must be ready for use by 2019. ODH must also publish certain immunization information it receives from child care providers and schools on its website. These requirements may minimally increase ODH's administrative costs.

School districts and county boards of developmental disabilities

Under the bill, schools must collect the form developed by ODH as written evidence of immunization when a student begins kindergarten, seventh grade, or twelfth grade. Under current law, schools must collect written evidence of immunization every year. Therefore, the bill may result in a minimal decrease in administrative costs for schools operated by school districts, community or STEM schools, or county boards of developmental disabilities.

The bill adds certain summary information to the annual reports primary and secondary schools must make to ODH regarding student immunizations and extends the reporting requirement to certain preschools, including those operated by school districts, community schools, and county boards of developmental disabilities. This requirement may minimally increase administrative costs for these entities.

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