



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 36 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by House Community and Family
Advancement

Sponsor: Rep. Vitale

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Solemnize marriages

The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It provides that, when a marriage does not conform to a minister's or religious society's sincerely held religious beliefs: (1) a minister or society is not required to solemnize a marriage or allow its property to be used to host a marriage ceremony and is immune from civil or criminal liability for a refusal to do so, and (2) the state and political subdivisions may not penalize or withhold any benefit or privilege from such a minister or society. These provisions conform to current law and practice in Ohio.