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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Passed by the House

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Hoops

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Relative to the state's Motorcycle Ohio Program administered by the Department of Public Safety, the bill is likely to generate \$5,600 in one-time fee revenue collected from private providers and credited to the existing Motorcycle Safety and Education Fund (Fund 8460), and may produce a minimal savings in operating expenses.
- Whether currently certified private instructors will be charged the bill's \$50 one-time fee is unclear. The fee will be credited to Fund 8460.
- A minimal amount of investment earnings will be credited to Fund 8460 rather than the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) as under current law.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill makes changes to the laws pertaining to the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) motorcycle safety and education programs offered by private organizations and corporations under the state's Motorcycle Ohio Program. These changes include: (1) permitting a private provider in certain circumstances to use a final end-of-course skills examination that is different from the DPS final skills examination, (2) specifying the circumstances under which private program instructors are exempt from DPS instructor training requirements, and (3) requiring DPS to charge certain fees.

Because of the bill, there may be a minimal operating expense savings for the Motorcycle Ohio Program, as there is likely to be some decrease in future work performed by staff to train, test, and certify private instructors.

The bill will affect 14 private providers approved under current law's authorization of the Motorcycle Ohio Program, for which no fee is charged. Under the bill, each such provider will be required to pay a one-time fee of \$400 for the initial authorization of a private provider's motorcycle safety and education program. The result will be \$5,600 in one-time revenue for crediting to the existing Motorcycle Safety and Education Fund (Fund 8460), which is used by DPS to pay for its motorcycle safety and education programs.

Currently, there are 239 private program instructors certified under the Motorcycle Ohio Program. The certification process includes charging a \$100 nonrefundable fee credited to Fund 8460. Under the bill, DPS is required to charge a one-time \$50 fee for the initial state certification of a private program instructor. As drafted, the bill is silent on whether currently certified private instructors will need to be re-certified, including paying the one-time \$50 fee. The fee will be applicable to private instructors seeking initial certification subsequent to the bill's effective date.

Under current law, all investment earnings of Fund 8460 are credited to the state's GRF. The bill requires Fund 8460 retain those investment earnings. The amount of money to be credited to Fund 8460 rather than the GRF annually will be minimal.