



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 441 of the 131st G.A.

Date: March 14, 2016

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. McColley

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Participation in interscholastic activities

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill permits a student enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities at a school district that is not the student's resident district if the superintendents of the student's resident district and the district in which the student is seeking to participate in an extracurricular activity mutually agree. Any costs associated with this provision are permissive for school districts and will vary depending on the specific activity.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under current law, the superintendent of any school district may afford a student enrolled in a nonpublic school, and not a resident of that school district, the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity offered by a school in the district if the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the activity and the activity is not an interscholastic athletic activity or an interscholastic contest in music, drama, or forensics. The bill permits a student enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities at a school district that is not the student's resident district if the superintendent of the student's resident district and the superintendent of the district in which the student is seeking to participate in an extracurricular activity mutually agree, in writing, to allow the student to participate in that activity. Any costs associated with this provision are permissive for school districts and will vary for each district depending on the specific activity.

The bill also clarifies that a student who participates in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program cannot be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics solely due to participation in the program. This provision likely has little, if any, fiscal effect, as CCP participants continue to be high school students. Presumably, most, if not all, districts permit CCP participants to take part in extracurricular activities as long as they are able to meet any scheduling or other requirements for the activity established by the district or other entities.¹

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¹ One such requirement comes from Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) bylaws, which mandate that all high school students, including CCP participants, must be passing at least five, one credit hour courses per grading period or the equivalent with the high school and college courses combined.