



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 130 of the 131st G.A.

Date: April 20, 2016

Status: As Reported by House Finance

Sponsor: Reps. Duffey and Hagan

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Creates the DataOhio board and the Local Government Information Exchange Grants Program

State Fiscal Highlights

| STATE FUND | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FUTURE YEARS |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|
| General Revenue Fund | | | |
| Revenues | - 0 - | - 0 - | - 0 - |
| Expenditures | - 0 - | Increase of \$350,000 | - 0 - |

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2016 is July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

- The bill appropriates \$350,000 in FY 2017 for the Auditor of State to develop uniform charts of accounts, establish uniform accounting procedures, and adopt implementation rules for all public offices in the state of Ohio.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Under the bill, the use of uniform accounting procedures and uniform charts of accounts is optional for public offices.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill directs the Auditor of State to develop uniform accounting procedures and charts of accounts that may be used by all public offices. Under the bill, the use of these procedures and accounts is not required. In FY 2017, \$350,000 is appropriated to the Auditor for the development of these procedures and charts. The bill also requires the Auditor to establish and operate a website, registered at data.Ohio.gov, through which the public can access public records and data sets of public records created by public offices. Creation and maintenance of the website will increase the Auditor's administrative burden.

The bill creates the DataOhio board to make recommendations to facilitate the ability of the public to find and use public records and data sets of public records generated by public offices. It requires the board to meet at least ten times a year and make an annual report to the General Assembly of its recommendations. The board's meeting facilities are to be provided by the State Library. The board is composed of state and local government officials and representatives of data consumers and professions that consume and analyze public records and data sets of public records. Board members do not receive compensation, but are to be reimbursed for expenses, which may increase state expenditures by a negligible amount.

Finally, the bill establishes, in permanent law, the Local Government Information Exchange Grants Program to provide grants to local government entities that meet eligibility requirements associated with the posting of electronic records on the Internet in an open, machine-readable format that can be accessed by the public. However, the bill contains no appropriations for the grant program.