



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 491 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Edwards

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Substitute license for specified pupil services personnel

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill requires the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel who wish to work in a school as a substitute rather than a full-time employee. The current fee for a substitute license is \$15 per year less than the fee for a pupil services license. Therefore, under the bill the State Board's licensing revenue may decrease.
- If the bill encourages more individuals to obtain licenses, however, the State Board's licensing revenue as well as its licensing costs will increase.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Current law requires speech-language pathologists, audiologists, registered nurses, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapist assistants, and social workers to hold both an Ohio occupational license from their professional licensing boards as well as a pupil services or associate license to work in a school from the State Board of Education.¹ This applies to individuals seeking to work in a school as a substitute or as a full-time employee. The current fee for the State Board license is \$40 per year.²

The bill requires the State Board to issue substitute licenses to individuals in these professions if they wish to work in a school as a substitute, not as a full-time employee. The current fee for a State Board substitute license is \$25 per year.³ To the extent individuals in these professions are currently working as substitutes, the State Board's licensing revenue will decrease under the bill, as these individuals will likely

¹ Physical therapy and occupational therapy assistants are required to obtain an associate license. The other professions are required to obtain a pupil services license.

² The State Board issues a one-year license with a \$40 fee or a five-year license with a \$200 fee.

³ The State Board issues a one-year substitute license with a \$25 fee or a five-year substitute license with a \$125 fee.

opt for the cheaper of the two licenses.⁴ The lower fee may also encourage more of these individuals to get licensed as substitutes, which would increase licensing revenue and the administrative costs associated with licensure. One of these costs is an annual fee of \$5 that is paid to the Attorney General for enrollment in the Retained Applicant Fingerprint Database (RAPBACK).

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⁴ The bill prohibits the State Board from establishing additional qualifications for the substitute license. This Fiscal Note assumes that does not mean the State Board may not charge a fee. If the State Board is prohibited from charging a fee for these new licenses, licensing revenue will decrease further.