



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 503 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Anielski

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in chartered nonpublic schools

Fiscal Highlights

- The bill creates a training requirement for chartered nonpublic school employees, which may add to the Ohio Department of Education's workload in ensuring the schools' compliance with state law.
- State reimbursements to chartered nonpublic schools for mandated administrative and clerical activities may increase by a small amount in future years.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires chartered nonpublic school employees, including teachers, nurses, counselors, school psychologists, and administrators, to undergo annual training on youth suicide awareness and prevention.¹ The bill may minimally increase the administrative duties of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to ensure the bill's training requirements are being met. Under continuing law, ODE grants charters to and monitors chartered nonpublic schools on behalf of the State Board of Education. Oversight activities include random audits of the schools to assure compliance with applicable laws and rules. Currently, there are slightly less than 700 chartered nonpublic schools operating in Ohio.

Continuing law also requires the state to reimburse chartered nonpublic schools for some mandated administrative and clerical activities.² Since the bill's requirements may increase administrative costs for chartered nonpublic schools to track and report the training, the state reimbursements could increase as well, though likely not in the current biennium. The reimbursement is based on the actual costs from the prior year with a maximum reimbursement rate of \$405 per pupil in FY 2018 and FY 2019. In

¹ Continuing law requires public school employees to attend training on youth suicide awareness and prevention as part of an in-service training program.

² R.C. 3317.063. These reimbursements are paid from GRF line item 200532, Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement.

practice, most schools' reimbursement is capped at the per-pupil maximum established each year. Therefore, any increase in future years is likely to be small.

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