



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 406 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Rep. Lanese

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Exempts personal information of forensic mental health providers, regional psychiatric hospital employees, and mental health evaluation providers from disclosure under the Public Records Law

Political subdivisions would incur little additional cost or added administrative work, if any at all, for adding forensic mental health providers, regional psychiatric hospital employees and mental health evaluation providers to the list of professions whose familial and residential information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law. This is because political subdivisions currently have procedures in place for the removal or redaction of personal information for the various employees covered under the existing exemption. However, the overall effect on local jurisdictions under the bill depends on the number of mental health providers, psychiatric hospital employees, and mental health evaluation providers involved in situations where their familial and residential information would be excluded from public disclosure. Although the number of professionals working in these fields in Ohio is unknown, there are ten facilities statewide that offer forensic evaluation services for Ohio courts, and six regional psychiatric hospitals operated by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services across Ohio.