



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 559 of the 132nd G.A.
(L_132_2377-3)

Status: In House Health

Sponsor: Reps. Gonzales and Landis

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Modifies immunization documentation requirements for students

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill creates new administrative duties for the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) that may minimally increase ODH's administrative costs.
- The bill's modifications may also affect the administrative costs of school districts, community and STEM schools, county boards of developmental disabilities, and public health providers, but these effects also will be minimal.
- The bill prohibits medical practitioners from charging an additional fee for providing immunization records in certain circumstances. Public health providers may forego some revenue if they currently charge such fees.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill modifies the requirements regarding the documentation of immunization of children enrolled in child care programs, preschools, and primary and secondary schools.

Department of Health

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to develop and publish on its website two forms to be used by health care providers when documenting a child's immunization history. One is to be used for children enrolled in a child care program and the other for children enrolled in a school. They must be ready for use by 2020. ODH must also publish certain immunization information it receives from school districts on its website. These requirements may minimally increase ODH's administrative costs.

School districts and county boards of developmental disabilities

Under the bill, schools must collect the form developed by ODH as written evidence of immunization when a student begins kindergarten, seventh grade, or twelfth grade or is newly enrolled in the school district. Under current law, schools must collect written evidence of immunization every year. Therefore, the bill may result

in a minimal decrease in administrative costs for schools operated by school districts, community or STEM schools, or county boards of developmental disabilities.

The bill adds certain summary information to the annual reports primary and secondary schools must make to ODH regarding student immunizations and extends the reporting requirement to certain preschools, including those operated by school districts, community schools, and county boards of developmental disabilities. This requirement may minimally increase administrative costs for these entities.

Public health providers

The bill requires each immunization form to be signed by certain medical practitioners and allows a student's parent or guardian to provide to a school other documentation of immunization in lieu of the ODH-developed immunization form, including documentation of immunization from any public health department. According to ODH, there may be an increase in administrative or records requests costs for any state or local entity, such as a local health department, that administers vaccines to children. Any such costs are likely minimal.

The bill prohibits an additional fee from being charged to fill out an immunization form or medical statement of immunization if the child has been seen by the practitioner within the previous year and only needs the form filled out. A public health provider may forego some revenue if a fee is currently charged in these circumstances.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill (L_132_2377-3) creates the possibility of some foregone revenue for public health providers by adding the provision that prohibits medical practitioners from charging an additional fee to complete and sign immunization records if the child has been seen by the practitioner within the previous year and only needs the form filled out.