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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Reineke and Hackett

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill modifies the law governing the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers Program. Specifically, the bill transfers the authority to administer the program from ODNR's Division of Parks and Watercraft to the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves (DNAP). Operationally, this change codifies ODNR's existing structure and will have little, if any fiscal effect. DNAP already supervises the Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers Program. The program encompasses 15 designated rivers and streams covering more than 830 river miles.

The bill also clarifies that DNAP's authority to regulate wild, scenic, and recreational rivers is limited to the designated watercourse and adjacent lands owned by ODNR. Under the bill, private lands adjacent to a designated river are not subject to regulation by DNAP under the program. This change also codifies an existing practice and thus has no fiscal effect.