



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** S.B. 183 of the 131st G.A.

**Date:** October 7, 2015

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Sens. LaRose and Thomas

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Licensing and registration of private investigation and security guard services

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Department of Public Safety will incur one-time implementation costs of \$140,000, with minimal operating costs annually thereafter. Licensing process revisions will be revenue neutral.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill modifies the requirements related to the licensing, registration, and regulation of private investigation and security guard services to generally reflect existing practice. These duties are currently performed by the Private Investigator Security Guard Services (PISGS) section of the Department of Public Safety. In FY 2015, PISGS had a total of 21,622 active provider licenses and registrations: 20,816 registered security guards and private investigators and 806 licensed companies.

The Department anticipates one-time implementation costs of \$140,000, primarily information technology expenses. Ongoing costs will be minimal annually. The bill's revisions to the licensing process are expected to be revenue neutral.

PISGS, including its 13 staff, is fully funded by money appropriated from the Private Investigator and Security Guard Provider Fund (Fund 5B90), which consists of fees paid by private investigators and security guard providers, and fines collected from registration violations and unlicensed activities. Annual revenues currently total around \$1.5 million. In FY 2015, expenditures totaled \$1.1 million. The amount appropriated from the fund in each of FYs 2016 and 2017 is \$1.4 million.