



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 130 of the 131st G.A.

**Date:** May 19, 2015

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Duffey and Hagan

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Creates the DataOhio board and the Local Government Information Exchange Grants Program

### State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2016	FY 2017	FUTURE YEARS
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Increase of \$12.5 million	Increase of \$12.85 million	- 0 -

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2016 is July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

- The bill creates the Local Government Information Exchange Grants Program and appropriates \$12.5 million in FY 2016 and FY 2017, including \$250,000 for the State Librarian to administer the program.
- The bill appropriates \$350,000 in FY 2017 for the Auditor of State to develop a uniform chart of accounts, establish uniform accounting procedures, and adopt implementation rules for all public offices in the state of Ohio.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- Counties, townships, municipal corporations, and other local government entities (public libraries, regional planning commissions, metropolitan planning organizations, and regional councils of governments) are eligible for up to \$12.25 million in FY 2016 and FY 2017 to develop open electronic data records and make them available to the public.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill establishes the Local Government Innovation Exchange Grants Program to be administered by the State Librarian. The program will provide \$10,000 grants to local government entities that meet eligibility requirements to be established by the State Librarian. These requirements include the posting of electronic records on the Internet in an open format that can be accessed by the public. The bill appropriates \$12.25 million in both FY 2016 and FY 2017 for these grants. In addition, the bill appropriates \$250,000 to the State Library Board for the administration of the program.

The bill directs the Auditor of State to develop uniform accounting procedures and charts of accounts that may be used by all public offices. Under the bill, the use of these procedures and accounts is not required; however, within four years of the bill's effective date, the Auditor must propose legislation establishing such a requirement. In FY 2017, \$350,000 is appropriated to the Auditor for the development of these procedures and charts. The bill also requires the Auditor to establish and operate a website, registered at data.Ohio.gov through which the public can access public records created by state government and other public offices. Creation and maintenance of the website will increase the Auditor's administrative burden.

The bill creates the DataOhio board to make recommendations to facilitate the ability of the public to find and use data sets generated by the state government and other public offices. It requires the board to meet at least ten times a year and make an annual report to the General Assembly of its recommendations. The board's meeting facilities are to be provided by the State Library. The board is composed primarily of state and local government officials. Board members do not receive compensation, but are to be reimbursed for expenses, which may increase state expenditures by a negligible amount.