



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 169 of the 131st G.A.

Date: June 8, 2015

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Brown and Reineke

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Revise physical therapy law

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill modifies the physical therapist licensing law allowing physical therapists to diagnose a physical impairment or disability, determine a prognosis, and develop a therapeutic intervention plan. The bill also allows a physical therapist to order appropriate tests, including diagnostic imaging and studies that are performed and interpreted by other licensed health care professionals. Additionally, the bill eliminates a requirement that specified activities, including the administration of topical drugs and physiotherapy, may be performed only by a physical therapist who is adequately trained.

Physical therapists are licensed by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. The Board does not expect the bill to result in any changes to Board revenue, expenditures, or administrative costs.

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