OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill:	H.B. 286 of the 131st G.A.	**Date**:	November 30, 2016
Status:	As Reported by House Community and Family Advancement	**Sponsor**:	Rep. Vitale

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Solemnize marriages

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 provides that, when a marriage does not conform to a minister's or religious society's sincerely held religious beliefs: (1) a minister or society is not required to solemnize a marriage or allow its property to be used to host a marriage ceremony and is immune from civil or criminal liability for a refusal to do so, and (2) the state and political subdivisions may not penalize or withhold any benefit or privilege from such a minister or society. As these provisions conform to current law and practice in Ohio, the bill will have no direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.

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