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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Lightbody

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- GRF expenditures for the Department of Education and Workforce may increase by up to tens of thousands of dollars to incorporate the bill's prescribed instruction on designated communities in the next update of the social studies model curriculum.
- School districts and other public schools choosing to use the bill's revised model curriculum may incur additional costs to update their curricula and acquire instructional materials.

### Detailed Analysis

No later than July 1, 2024, the bill requires the Department of Education and Workforce<sup>1</sup> (DEW) to begin updating the model curriculum for social studies in grades K-12 to include age- and grade-appropriate instruction in the migration journeys, experiences, and societal contributions of a range of designated communities in Ohio and the United States (see the [LSC bill analysis](#) for the full list of communities in the bill). The bill requires DEW to include this instruction in the first update of the social studies model curriculum adopted after July 1, 2024.

DEW's Office of Learning and Instructional Strategies typically works with teams of educators to update or develop model curricula. According to DEW, this includes costs related to volunteer travel reimbursement and substitute teachers. As a point of reference, DEW estimates

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<sup>1</sup> H.B. 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly moved responsibility for curriculum and academic standards from the State Board of Education to the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW). The version of R.C. 3301.079 referencing the State Board in the As Introduced version of the bill has been superseded by the newer version amended by H.B. 33 that references DEW.

that the cost for a full update of the social studies model curriculum would be approximately \$70,000 to \$90,000. The bill's requirements may marginally add up to tens of thousands of dollars to these costs depending on the extent of the revisions. These costs will be borne by GRF line item 200427, Academic Standards, which has an appropriation of approximately \$4.5 million in FY 2024 and \$4.6 million in FY 2025.

Continuing law permits, but does not require, school districts and other public schools to use the state's model curriculum in its own instruction. Additionally, districts and schools may already include instruction on some or all of the communities listed in the bill in their existing curricula. Those choosing to use the model curriculum and needing to update curricula and instructional materials may incur some additional costs to do so.