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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. T. Smith and Blair

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The bill may reduce the number of actions brought against certain municipal corporations. It could also result in some savings for local courts if cases are dismissed more quickly or not brought forward at all.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill grants a municipal corporation in which a hospital is located or, if the hospital is located in an unincorporated area of a county, a county immunity from civil or criminal liability in any action brought under Ohio law if all of the following apply: (1) the action arises out of the actions of a duly appointed hospital police officer, (2) the actions of the hospital police officer are directly in the discharge of the person's duties as a police officer for the hospital, and (3) the actions of the hospital police officer occur on the premises of the hospital or its affiliates or subsidiaries that are within the territory of the municipal corporation served by the chief of police or the unincorporated area of the county served by the sheriff who signed the agreement, whichever is applicable, or anywhere else within the territory of that municipal corporation or within the unincorporated area of that county.

The bill may reduce the filing of actions alleging damages, or if filed, such actions might be more promptly adjudicated than might otherwise have been the case under current law and practice. This could reduce administrative and legal costs for municipal corporations described above. In addition, this may also generate savings for the various involved courts resulting from a decrease in judicial dockets and the related workload of other court personnel.