



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 167 of the 131st G.A.

Date: November 19, 2015

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. LaRose

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Creates the State Recreational Vehicle Fund Advisory Board

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill creates the State Recreational Vehicle Fund Advisory Board to advise the Department of Natural Resources on the use of money in the State Recreational Vehicle Fund (Fund 5210). There would likely be a slight increase in costs paid from Fund 5210 to pay the operating costs of the Board and to reimburse members for expenses incurred in discharging their duties.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill creates the State Recreational Vehicle Fund Advisory Board comprised of seven members appointed by the Director of Natural Resources. Under the bill, the Board would be required to advise the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the use of money in the State Recreational Vehicle Fund (Fund 5210), study the feasibility of establishing a grant program to fund recreational vehicle projects on both public and private lands, and issue a report of its findings to the Director of Natural Resources, the president and minority leader of the Senate, the speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives, and the chairperson and ranking minority member of the committees in the House and Senate with primary responsibility over issues related to natural resources. Under the bill, members of the Board would not receive compensation but would be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of duties as a board member. DNR would likely incur a slight increase in costs to provide reimbursements and pay the operating costs of the Board.

Although not specified in the bill, reimbursements and operating costs of the Board would likely be paid from Fund 5210 which is used by DNR to enforce and administer laws relative to off-road recreational vehicles and to provide trails and other areas for the operation of off-road recreational vehicles. Fund 5210 receives a portion of the fees collected for the registration of snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles, and all-purpose vehicles. The registration fee for these types of vehicles received by the state is \$31.25 every three years. Of this amount \$30 is deposited to the credit of Fund 5210. The remaining \$1.25 is deposited to the credit of the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40) used by the Department of Public Safety. As of October 2016, Fund 5210 had a cash balance of approximately \$2.1 million.