



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Maggie Wolniewicz and other LSC Staff

---

## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 115 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Gavarone and Wiggam

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Communication disability database for law enforcement

---

### State and Local Fiscal Highlights

- The Department of Public Safety will incur a one-time cost of \$250,000 to create the required database and make it available through the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). The ongoing annual cost to maintain the database could be as much as \$120,000 or so if additional staff needs to be hired.
- The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency will incur a one-time minimal cost to develop the required verification form.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill: (1) requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to create a database of persons who voluntarily register as being diagnosed with a communication disability, (2) requires DPS to make the database available to state and local law enforcement officers through the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS), and (3) requires the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency to develop a verification form for a person diagnosed with a communication disability, or the person's parent or guardian, to submit to DPS for purposes of including that person in the database.

DPS anticipates incurring a one-time cost of \$250,000 to develop the required database and make it available through LEADS. The ongoing annual cost to maintain the database will depend on the number of people who choose to be included. If that number is sufficiently large enough, DPS believes that two additional staff may be necessary to handle the increased workload, at a total annual cost of around \$120,000.

The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency will incur a one-time minimal cost to develop the required verification form.