

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

Bill: H.B. 131 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Gavarone and Reineke Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

**Subject:** Revise physical therapy laws

## **Detailed Fiscal Analysis**

The bill expands the scope of practice for physical therapists by allowing them to order tests, diagnose a physical impairment or disability, determine a prognosis, and develop a therapeutic intervention plan. Physical therapists are licensed by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. The bill may result in an increase in costs to the Board if the expanded scope of practice results in additional complaints and subsequent investigations; any increase will likely be minimal.

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