

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 235 of the 132nd G.A. Status: As Reported by House Education and Career Readiness

Sponsor: Rep. Gavarone

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: State plan for implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to submit a written copy of the state plan that must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to the standing committees on primary and secondary education of the Senate and House of Representatives at least 30 days prior to its implementation. If ODE provides printed copies of the state plan, it may incur a de minimus cost. In addition, the bill prohibits ODE from implementing the ESSA state plan if the General Assembly adopts a concurrent resolution disapproving the plan prior to it becoming effective. If the General Assembly were to do so, ODE's administrative workload will increase to revise the state plan.

ESSA was enacted by Congress in December 2015 and represents the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the nation's primary federal education law. ESSA is the successor to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. In general, the ESSA state plan describes how a state will use federal funds to implement the new law, which takes effect beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. ODE released a draft of the plan in February 2017 and plans to submit final revisions to the State Board of Education in July. Ultimately, ODE will submit the plan to the U.S. Department of Education in September in accordance with federal timelines. At that point, the plan will be peer reviewed and, depending on the outcome of that process, either approved by the U.S. Department of Education finds areas of the plan that need to be addressed further.

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