



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 263 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Lanese

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Permits dogs in outdoor dining areas of retail food establishments

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- Local boards of health could experience a minimal increase in costs to investigate complaints and possibly to adjust rules and to inform restaurant establishments of the bill's provisions.
- The departments of Health and Agriculture could realize a minimal increase in administrative costs if any adjustments to rules are necessary.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill generally allows an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation. The bill does this by prohibiting the directors of Agriculture or Health or a board of health from adopting any rule or issuing or enforcing any order prohibiting a dog owner from taking the dog in an outdoor dining area. The bill allows a retail food establishment or food service operation to refuse to allow a dog in an outdoor dining area of the establishment or operation unless the dog is a service dog.

Local boards of health could experience a minimal increase in costs to investigate any complaints related to the bill's provisions. These costs would depend on the number and scope of complaints. Boards could also realize a minimal increase in costs to adjust rules and inform establishments of this change in the law.

The departments of Agriculture and Health could realize a minimal increase in administrative costs if any rule adjustments were necessary as a result of the bill.

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