

## OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 182 of the 132nd G.A. Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Coley 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 harborer 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 an increase in costs to investigate any complaints related to the bill's provisions. These costs would likely be minimal, but would depend on the number and scope of complaints and the number of operations and establishments that allow dogs on patios. 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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