



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 302 of the 132nd G.A.
(L_132_0992-3)

Status: In House Health

Sponsor: Reps. Boggs and Antonio

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

Subject: Authorizes a minor to consent to receive health care

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- Government-owned hospitals may experience a minimal increase in costs to provide additional care to pregnant minors as a result of the bill. These hospitals could also realize a corresponding gain in reimbursement from a patient's insurance for providing services.
- State and local government programs that provide care to pregnant minors could realize an increase in costs if any additional services are rendered as a result of the bill.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill allows a pregnant minor to consent to receive health care to maintain or improve her life or the life of the unborn child she is carrying. This care includes prenatal health care, health care during delivery, post-delivery health care, and family planning services. The bill specifies that at the minor's initial prenatal visit, the facility or health care professional is required to request permission from the minor to contact the minor's spouse, parent, or guardian for the purpose of seeking additional medical information that may be necessary or helpful to the provision of proper health care to the minor or her unborn child.

The bill may result in an increase in patients for government-owned hospitals or an increase in services rendered by these hospitals. Thus, these hospitals could realize an increase in costs to provide the necessary care as well as a corresponding increase in reimbursement from a patient's insurance. The Ohio Hospital Association has stated that the impact would likely be minimal. In addition, state and local government programs, including Medicaid, that provide care to pregnant minors could also realize a subsequent increase in costs if any additional services are rendered as a result of the bill.