



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 115 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Enacted

**Sponsor:** Reps. Gavarone and Wiggam

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Communication disability database for law enforcement

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### State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The Department of Public Safety will incur an estimated one-time cost of \$250,000 to create the required database and make it available through the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). The ongoing annual cost to maintain the database could be as much as an estimated \$120,000 or so if additional staff needs to be hired.
- The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency will incur a one-time minimal cost to develop the required verification form.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill: (1) requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to create a database of persons who voluntarily register as being diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication, (2) requires DPS to make the database available to state and local law enforcement officers through the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS), (3) requires the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD) to develop a verification form for a person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication, or the person's parent or guardian, to submit to DPS for purposes of including that person in the database or removing a person from the database that had previously registered and wishes to have their name removed, and (4) requires OOD and DPS to make the verification form available electronically on each of their respective websites.

DPS anticipates incurring a one-time cost of \$250,000 to develop the required database and make it available through LEADS. The ongoing annual cost to maintain the database will depend on the number of people who choose to be included. If that number is sufficiently large enough, DPS believes that two additional staff may be necessary to handle the increased workload, at a total annual cost of around \$120,000. The cost to make the verification form available electronically on the Department's website will be negligible.

The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency will incur a one-time minimal cost to develop the required verification form. The cost to make the verification form available electronically on the Agency's website will be negligible.

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