



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 85 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by House Federalism and Interstate Relations

Sponsor: Rep. Retherford

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Enters Ohio into the Health Care Compact

State Fiscal Highlights

- There could be costs to the state associated with participation in the Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission such as program support, administration, and travel.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill adopts the Health Care Compact and makes Ohio a member state, along with any other state that has legally joined the Compact. The Compact is effective upon its adoption by at least two member states and the consent of the United States Congress. A member state is authorized to suspend all federal laws, rules, regulations, and orders regarding health care that are inconsistent with Ohio laws and regulations adopted under the Compact. The bill requires Ohio, as a member state of the Compact, to receive each federal fiscal year (FFY), federal funding up to an amount equal to the member state's current year funding level to support health coverage. The bill establishes the Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission and requires the Commission to collect information to assist the member states in regulating health care. Member states must fund the Commission as agreed upon by the members. The bill also requires the Governor to appoint one individual to the Commission, though two individuals may be appointed.

The bill is contingent upon the consent of Congress. If Congress consents, every FFY, member states will be provided federal funding based on an amount that is equal to the federal health care spending in FFY 2010 in the state, adjusted for the population growth and inflation. According to the bill, Ohio's base funding level is estimated to be approximately \$35.04 billion. There could be direct costs to the state associated with participation in the Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission such as program support, administration, and travel.