



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 58 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Passed by the House

**Sponsor:** Reps. Brenner and Slaby

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** Model curriculum for cursive handwriting instruction

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The bill may increase costs for the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to assist in the development and dissemination of model curriculum for cursive handwriting instruction. The bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt a model curriculum for instruction in cursive handwriting in grades kindergarten through five to ensure that students develop the ability to print letters and words legibly by third grade and to create readable documents using legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade. The bill also requires the State Board to notify all school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools of the content of the curriculum. Schools may choose to use the model curriculum or not. The bill requires the model curriculum to be developed by December 31, 2018. The State Board must decide on whether to adopt it by March 31, 2019, so that it is ready for use in the 2019-2020 school year. If the State Board were to decide to not adopt it by this date, it is unclear when the model curriculum ultimately would be adopted.

Currently, the ODE model curriculum in English language arts for grades three<sup>1</sup> and four<sup>2</sup> includes resources for teaching cursive. In FY 2019, \$3.8 million in GRF funds are specifically appropriated to ODE to develop and communicate to school districts academic content standards and curriculum models.

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<sup>1</sup> See page 28, [https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/English-Language-Art/Model-Curriculum-for-English-Language-Arts/Grade\\_3\\_ELA\\_Model\\_Curriculum.pdf.aspx](https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/English-Language-Art/Model-Curriculum-for-English-Language-Arts/Grade_3_ELA_Model_Curriculum.pdf.aspx).

<sup>2</sup> See page 33, [https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/English-Language-Art/Model-Curriculum-for-English-Language-Arts/Grade\\_4\\_ELA\\_Model\\_Curriculum.pdf.aspx](https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/English-Language-Art/Model-Curriculum-for-English-Language-Arts/Grade_4_ELA_Model_Curriculum.pdf.aspx).