



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 203 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Barnes

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Establishes the Youth Summer Jobs Pledging Initiative

The bill establishes the Youth Summer Jobs Pledging Initiative with the goal of increasing access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth in Ohio. Overall, the bill will result in some annual operating costs to the Development Services Agency (DSA) and potentially the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS).

Under the bill, DSA is required to adopt rules to manage the initiative, including the following specific responsibilities: (1) by February 1 of each year, identify and compile pledges of employment opportunities that will be available to high school and college youth in the following summer, (2) establish a scale to determine the number of opportunities that each pledge may make available in the following summer, (3) establish a summer employment opportunity database on the OhioMeansJobs website to post the pledge information, including contact information of employers, (4) publicize the database in a manner that targets high school and college youth in the state, and (5) develop a form on the database encouraging youth to answer the question, "What do you dream about doing with your first paycheck?" and allowing the youth to answer anonymously. DSA is also required to complete an annual report due at the end of December each year. The report is to consist of a compilation of the answers that youth gave to the fifth question listed above.

As a result of these new duties, DSA will incur some administrative costs to operate the program. Additionally, since the OhioMeansJobs website is operated by JFS, it is possible that JFS could bear some operating costs to develop and implement the initiative's database and post the other material on the website. Alternatively, DSA could reimburse JFS for these website costs, since the initiative is to be overseen by DSA. Ultimately, all of the costs under the bill will largely depend on the rules adopted by DSA to administer the initiative.

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