



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 261 of the 132nd G.A.

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Anielski and Roegner

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Subject:** "Walsh Jesuit High School" license plate

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### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will experience an increase in expenditures of \$6.08 to produce each requested pair of "Walsh Jesuit High School" license plates, which will be offset by the bill's required \$10 BMV administrative fee.
- The amount credited to the existing License Plate Contribution Fund (Fund 5V10) and then paid to the Walsh Jesuit High School (\$30 contribution per pair) will depend upon demand for the license plate, which is uncertain.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The cost for the Walsh Jesuit High School to comply with the annual reporting requirement is expected to be negligible.

### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill creates the "Walsh Jesuit High School" license plate that is available to all Ohio motorists. As summarized in the table below, a motorist applying for the plate must pay: (1) a \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) administrative fee, and (2) a \$30 contribution to be used by the Walsh Jesuit High School. The bill specifies that the implementation and termination procedures that typically apply to special license plates do not apply to the "Walsh Jesuit High School" license plate. The bill has no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Special License Plate			
Special License Plate	BMV Fee	Required Contribution	Contribution Recipient
Walsh Jesuit High School	\$10	\$30	Walsh Jesuit High School

### Bureau of Motor Vehicles

The BMV currently produces special license plates via a digital print-on-demand process. The total cost to produce a pair of these plates is \$6.08. Under the bill, a person obtaining a "Walsh Jesuit High School" license plate must pay an administrative fee of

\$10, the purpose of which is to compensate the BMV for additional services required in issuing the plate. The administrative fees will be credited to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0),<sup>1</sup> which is used in part to pay the BMV's expenses related to titling motor vehicles, licensing drivers, and registering motor vehicles. The magnitude of the annual revenues and expenditures generated by the license plate will depend upon demand, which is uncertain.

### **Walsh Jesuit High School**

The \$30 contribution paid for the issuance of the "Walsh Jesuit High School" license plate will be credited to the existing License Plate Contribution Fund (Fund 5V10) and then paid to Walsh Jesuit High School. Walsh Jesuit High School is required to use the money: (1) to provide tuition assistance to its students (50%), and (2) to provide services to its students that help them to develop or maintain mental and emotional well-being (50%). The amount of revenue generated for Walsh Jesuit High School will depend upon demand for the license plate, which is uncertain.

The bill subjects Walsh Jesuit High School to an annual reporting requirement that, under existing state law, applies to each local school or school district for which a license plate is established. Expenses for the high school to produce and submit the annual report are expected to be negligible. The report must contain the total amount received during the prior year from license plate contributions, an itemized list and description of each expenditure made using funds received from license plate contributions during the prior year, and the total percentage of spending that was used to provide services to students to assist in developing and maintaining mental and emotional well-being.

By December 1 of each year, Walsh Jesuit High School must submit the report to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. If the high school fails to submit the report by December 31 of any year, the Registrar must divert the contribution for each registration involving the school license plate, which it would otherwise receive, to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF). Once the Registrar receives a report from the high school, the Registrar must immediately resume transmitting the contributions for that plate to the Treasurer of State for distribution to the high school.

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<sup>1</sup> The Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0) was created in H.B. 26 of the 132nd General Assembly to consolidate the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40), State Highway Safety Fund (Fund 7036), Highway Safety Salvage and Exchange Administration Fund (Fund 8300), and Highway Safety Salvage and Exchange Highway Patrol Fund (Fund 8410). Fund 5TM0 became effective on July 1, 2017.