The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state, and as described below, a potentially minimal annual fiscal effect on the Cleveland Municipal Court and the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

The bill grants the housing division of the Cleveland Municipal Court additional jurisdiction over appeals of local administrative decisions relating to building, health, and safety codes. Under current law, appeals from a final decision of a relevant local administrative body are heard by the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

The likely result is that some appeals that would otherwise have been adjudicated by the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas will instead be adjudicated by the Cleveland Municipal Court. The number of appeals shifting jurisdictions is expected to be relatively small in the context of those courts’ caseloads. The Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas will realize some expenditure savings effect. The Cleveland Municipal Court is expected to accommodate the appeals utilizing existing staff and appropriated resources.