



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. H.B. 247 of the 129th G.A.

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Status: As Re-reported by Senate Judiciary

Sponsor: Rep. Butler

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Court costs, self-storage facilities, professional licensing board sanctions and discipline, and county prisoner work programs

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill's professional licensing board sanction and discipline provisions may result in certain boards losing revenue and expending additional effort to sanction/discipline its license holders. The potential revenue lost and expenditure increase for any given board is likely to be minimal at most per year.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Court costs

The bill updates the Revised Code to reflect two recent Ohio Supreme Court decisions regarding court costs, eliminates the Felony Sentence Appeal Cost Oversight Committee, and allows a court to cancel amounts owed the court but deemed uncollectible. None of these changes is expected to generate any readily discernible fiscal effects for the state or any of its political subdivisions. The Felony Sentence Appeal Cost Oversight Committee is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was originally created pursuant to Am. Sub. S.B. 2 of the 121st General Assembly; it has not met in over a decade. The bill's remaining provisions are designed to either: (1) allow a court to operate more efficiently by clearing its "books" of money owed the court but deemed at some point uncollectible or (2) conform the Revised Code and certain court practices with recent Ohio Supreme Court decisions.

Self-service storage facility lien

The bill modifies the procedures that an owner of a self-service storage facility must follow when disposing of the contents of a rental unit once a lien is placed on those contents. There is no apparent direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions as a result of this modification.

Professional licensing board sanctions and discipline

The bill allows certain licensing boards to require license holders seek corrective action courses in addition to or in lieu of penalties provided under current law. It also requires certain boards to suspend or revoke a person's license for the offense of trafficking in persons. These changes may decrease licensing revenue for certain boards, as some individuals will be ineligible or unwilling to gain relicensing that may have otherwise occurred under current law. It may also increase the number or complexity of hearings pertaining to license suspensions, revocations, or sanctions as compared with current law. The potential impact of these changes on any affected board's annual revenues and expenditures is not expected to exceed minimal.

County prisoner work programs

The bill expressly authorizes the sheriff and board of county commissioners of any county jointly to establish a prisoner work program. This change is not expected to have a fiscal impact as current law already appears to authorize these programs.