



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. [S.B. 297 of the 129th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sens. Patton and Tavares

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: To specify requirements for obtaining and renewing a clinical faculty research certificate

State Fiscal Highlights

- **Clinical faculty research certificate renewals.** The State Medical Board may experience a minimal gain in fee revenue as a result of the bill's proposed renewals for clinical faculty research certificates. Any additional fee revenue would be deposited in Fund 5C60, Operating Expenses, which is used by the Board.
- **Register.** The Board will incur a minimal increase in administrative costs related to the creation and upkeep of a register of all persons who hold a clinical research faculty certificate.
- **Notice of renewal.** The Board will incur a minimal increase in administrative costs to mail a notice of renewal to each clinical research faculty certificate holder.
- **Rules.** The Board will experience a minimal increase in costs to revise its rules regarding the certificates.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill renames the visiting medical faculty certificate, which is currently issued by the State Medical Board, as a "clinical research faculty certificate." The bill also makes changes to the information required from the applicant and the medical school or teaching hospital at which the applicant plans to work. According to a spokesperson for the Board, generally, the information required is already collected as part of the current application process. Thus, there will likely be no additional administrative costs to medical schools or teaching hospitals for providing the required information. However, the Board will experience a minimal increase in costs to revise its rules regarding the certificates.

The bill specifies that a clinical research faculty certificate may be renewed for a three-year period and that there is no limit on the number of times a certificate can be renewed. In addition, the bill specifies that an individual whose visiting medical faculty certificate expires prior to the establishment of the new certificate may apply for a clinical research faculty certificate as a renewal. The bill establishes a \$375 certificate renewal fee, which is the same amount as the initial certificate fee. During FY 2011, there were 17 individuals who held a visiting medical faculty certificate. It is possible that some of these individuals will choose to renew their certificate. The Board would experience a minimal gain in fee revenue for any renewed certificates. Fee revenue would be deposited in Fund 5C60, Operating Expenses, which is used by the Board.

The bill requires the State Medical Board to maintain a register of all persons who hold clinical research faculty certificates. As a result, the Board will incur a minimal increase in administrative costs related to the creation and upkeep of the register. The bill also requires that, three months before a clinical research faculty certificate expires, the Board must mail a notice of renewal to the holder's last known address. Thus, the Board will incur a minimal increase in administrative costs.

Emergency clause

The bill contains an emergency clause which makes the bill go into immediate effect. This provision may generally accelerate by 90 days the incurrence of costs and receipt of revenues that could result from the bill.