



www.lsc.ohio.gov

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Office of Research
and Drafting

Legislative Budget
Office

H.B. 434
136th General Assembly

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

[Click here for H.B. 434's Bill Analysis](#)

Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Willis and Lampton

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Maggie West, Senior Budget Analyst

Highlights

- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) may incur minimal one-time costs to establish a form for certain limited term driver's license applicants to attest that they qualify for the bill's driver education exemption.
- The bill is not expected to have a discernible impact on county auditors and clerks of a court of common pleas that currently serve as a deputy registrar. The bill otherwise has no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill exempts certain military-related limited term driver's license applicants from driver education requirements, thus allowing certain foreign government officials and contractors associated with the United States military or with the United States Department of Defense or any of its subordinate agencies to drive in Ohio without having to complete the state's driver education requirements. The driver education requirements, which include successful completion of the full driver training course and 50 hours of practice driving accompanied by a licensed adult prior to the first issuance of a limited term driver's license, were enacted in H.B. 54 of the 136th General Assembly and took effect June 30, 2025. Prior to that date, limited term driver's license applicants were generally not required to complete driver's training.

Deputy registrars

The bill will not impact the number of applications received for a limited term driver's license by deputy registrars, including deputy registrar locations in which a county auditor or

clerk of a court of common pleas has been awarded a contract to serve as a deputy registrar.¹ Any potential reduction in administrative work from not having to verify driver education requirements for these deputy registrars will likely be offset by having to verify an applicant's eligibility for the driver education exemption. The number of limited term license applicants impacted by the bill is expected to be very small.

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) may incur minimal one-time costs to establish a form for certain limited term driver's license applicants to attest to their relationship with the United States military or the United States Department of Defense or any of its subordinate agencies to qualify for the bill's driver education requirement exemption.

FNHB0434IN-136/lb

¹ As of August 13, 2025, the Department of Public Safety reported a total of 22 counties that were served by a county auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas. Those counties include Butler, Champaign, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Lorain, Mahoning, Meigs, Montgomery, Noble, Perry, Summit, Trumbull, Vinton, and Wyandot.