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Highlights

- The number of initial occupational licenses issued by certain state agencies (licensing authorities) could increase under the alternative way for obtaining licensure under the bill. If the number of licenses increase, license fee revenue collected by licensing authorities will rise correspondingly.

Detailed Analysis

The bill could potentially increase the number of initial occupational licenses issued by certain state agencies, boards, and commissions that issue licenses to practice an occupation or profession in the state, as it provides an alternative way for an individual to obtain a license. Specifically, the bill requires a state licensing authority to grant an initial occupational license to an applicant who successfully completes a registered apprenticeship program in the field of work regulated by the licensing authority and meets other requirements. If the number of occupational licenses increase, license fee revenue deposited into state funds used by these certain state licensing authorities will rise correspondingly. Generally, these funds are used to cover the licensing authority's administrative expenses, such that the additional revenue will offset the additional cost of processing new license applications.

The table below lists the occupations for which a registered apprenticeship program exists in Ohio and that generally appear to be covered by the bill. The Department of Job and Family Services is responsible for registering apprenticeship programs and apprentices in this state. A list of registered apprenticeship occupations is available at <https://jfs.ohio.gov/apprenticeship/program/index.stm>. Additionally, the table displays the fund that the license fee revenue is deposited into.

Occupations with Apprenticeships and that Require State Licensure		
Occupation	Licensing Entity	Fund
Nonresidential specialty contractors including HVAC, refrigeration, electrical, plumbing, and hydronics contractors	Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (Department of Commerce)	Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560)
First responder, emergency medical technician, and paramedic	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (Department of Public Safety)	Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Fund (Fund 83M0)
Automotive body and related repairer	Motor Vehicle Repair Board	Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90)
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	Bureau of Motor Vehicles (Department of Public Safety)	Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0)
Police patrol officer	Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (Attorney General)	Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Fee Fund (Fund 4210)
Municipal firefighter	State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (Department of Public Safety)	Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Fund (Fund 83M0)
Veterinary assistant and laboratory animal caretaker	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board	Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90)