

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

122nd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL: **H.B. 105**

DATE: **February 4, 1997**

STATUS: **As Introduced**

SPONSOR: **Rep. Shoemaker**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Permissive**

CONTENTS: **To allow sheriff's departments to charge a fee of three dollars for furnishing a copy of an accident report**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 1997	FY 1998	FUTURE YEARS
Counties			
Revenues	Varying increases	Varying increases	Varying increases
Expenditures	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

- The bill could generate increased revenues for counties if the sheriff charges a \$3 fee to obtain an accident report from a county sheriff's department.
- For Franklin County, on average the fee would generate about \$7,300 per year.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Provisions of the Bill

The bill would allow a sheriff's department to charge a fee of three dollars, which the department would retain to cover expenses, for furnishing an accident report. Under current law, the sheriff's department is only allowed to charge for the actual cost of furnishing the accident report and must turn the fee money over to the county treasurer's office.

Effects of the Bill

The fees charged for an accident report by different sheriff's departments vary from county to county, but typically the fees are less than the three dollars proposed by the bill.

For example, the Franklin County Sheriff's Department charges \$.05 per page for an accident report with each report typically about four pages long. The lengths of reports vary between two pages for a short report and ten pages for a relatively long report. An official from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department said that the department furnishes about 50 reports a week on average. Under the current law, the department would collect about \$10 in fees for an average week, whereas under the new law the department would collect about \$150 in a typical week.

The Pickaway County Sheriff's Department provides accident reports free of charge for those who come to their office. The department charges for postage if an individual wants the report sent through the mail.

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