

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

122nd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL: H.B. 596 DATE: April 2, 1998
STATUS: As Reported by House Criminal Justice SPONSOR: Rep. James
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: No — Permissive
CONTENTS: Authorizes metropolitan housing authorities to enter into agreements with political subdivisions

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 1998	FY 1999	FUTURE YEARS
Counties, Municipalities, Townships			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Potential minimal decrease	Potential minimal decrease	Potential minimal decrease
Metropolitan Housing Authorities			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Potential minimal increase	Potential minimal increase	Potential minimal increase

- Counties, municipalities, and townships could have a decrease in expenditures for apprehending criminal suspects due to increased assistance from metropolitan housing authority police.
- Metropolitan housing authorities could have an increase in expenditures for apprehending criminal suspects as a result of providing additional assistance to county, municipal, and township law enforcement officials.
- Any costs or savings would be permissive as the agreements allowed by the bill are voluntary.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill allows a county, municipality, or township to enter into an agreement to permit metropolitan housing authority (MHA) police officers to perform any police function in specified areas of those political subdivisions.

Under current law, MHA police can only exercise full police powers within the housing authority. Within the terms of an agreement between a housing authority and a local government, the bill would permit MHA police to exercise police powers outside of the housing authority's jurisdiction. There are 74 MHAs in Ohio.

Such agreements could increase costs to metropolitan housing authorities as MHA police may have to put increased time, effort, and money into pursuing certain criminal suspects beyond housing authority boundaries. Assistance provided to local government law enforcement officials by MHA police could reduce the time, effort and money local governments spend pursuing certain criminal suspects. Any additional cost or saving would be permissive as the bill's provisions are voluntary.

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