# *Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement*

*122 nd General Assembly of Ohio*

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| BILL: | **H.B. 599** | DATE: | **January 27, 1998** |
| STATUS: | **As Passed by the House** | SPONSOR: | **Rep. Bateman** |

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — No local cost**

CONTENTS: **Authorizes the establishment of a State Highway Patrol Auxiliary**

## *State Fiscal Highlights*

- No direct fiscal effect on the state. The bill codifies the State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, which already exists in practice.

## *Local Fiscal Highlights*

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

## *Detailed Fiscal Analysis*

The bill codifies the State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, which has existed for decades. The bill provides personal immunity from civil liability to members of the Auxiliary for actions taken in the performance of their duties. Members of the Auxiliary number approximately 500 statewide and ride with Patrol Officers in the performance of their duties. Traditionally the members of the Auxiliary have directed traffic at accident scenes and at the Ohio State Fair and have been available to aid patrol officers during other times.

Auxiliary members are volunteers. The State Highway Patrol spends a total of approximately $10,000 per year to qualify Auxiliary members on the shotgun and to provide them with identification cards and Auxiliary badges.

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