

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

122nd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL: Am. S.B. 37 DATE: May 28, 1997

STATUS: As Passed by the Senate SPONSOR: Sen. Blessing

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: No — Permissive

CONTENTS: Eliminates certain leasing restrictions for charity games of chance

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 1998	FY 1999	FUTURE YEARS
State Colleges and Universities			
Revenues	Potential gain	Potential gain	Potential gain
Expenditures	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

- Colleges and universities would probably be among the few state facilities at which such games of chance take place. Rental revenues could increase under this bill. A spokesperson from the Department of Administrative Services says the facilities used by state agencies are not used for bingo games or other games of chance.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 1998	FY 1999	FUTURE YEARS
School Districts and other Local Governments			
Revenues	Potential gain	Potential gain	Potential gain
Expenditures	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

- Public schools would be most affected by the legislation, as bingo games are often conducted at these facilities. Under this bill, rental revenues could increase. Although some private schools have historically provided space for bingo games, more public schools are beginning to hold charitable bingo games.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill, which removes the frequency restriction on renting government-owned facilities for bingo games in counties with populations over 500,000, is expected to impact schools more than any other entities. Most bingo games are conducted at veterans' recreation centers, churches, and private schools, with increasing numbers of games held at public schools. Often organizations that raise money for the schools are not charged to use school space, so they would not be affected by the bill.

According to the 1990 Census, five counties are affected by this bill: Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit. The city of Cheviot seems to be among the few cities in which municipal facilities are used to conduct bingo games. Contact persons from the recreation departments of Columbus, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, and Blue Ash revealed that their city facilities have not been used to conduct bingo games or similar games of chance.

A spokesperson from the Ohio School Boards indicates that numerous bingo games are held at school facilities.

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