Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

122 nd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL: **Sub. S. B. 112** DATE: **January 28, 1998**

STATUS: **As Reported by Senate Judiciary** SPONSOR: **Sen. Blessing**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **Yes** **Local cost was in the introduced version**

CONTENTS: **Creates the Task Force on Family Law and Children**

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 1998	FY 1999	FUTURE YEARS
General Revenue Fund*			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Indeterminate increase	Indeterminate increase	Indeterminate increase

- By requiring the Task Force on Family Law and Children to appoint and to affix the compensation of any technical, professional, and clerical employees and to perform any services that are necessary to carry out its powers and duties, the bill increases state expenditures by an indeterminate amount.

*The funding source for meeting expenditures is not noted in the bill.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on local governments.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

This bill requires the establishment of the twenty-three member Task Force on Family Law and Children. Members of the Task Force are to be appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges, the Ohio Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court within fifteen days after the effective date of the bill.

Although the bill is silent on the cost associated with the creation of this task force, LBO assumes that the members of the task force will be compensated for the usual and customary expenses incurred by performing their assigned duties. Such expenses would include food, lodging, and travel. However, the bill does not designate a single state agency to be responsible for such expenses.

This bill requires the Task Force to appoint and fix compensation of any technical, professional, and clerical employees and any services that are necessary to carry out its powers and duties. The level of expenditure necessary to support this requirement is unknown, as is the funding source. It is not known how many or what type of employees the Task Force will need; nor is it known what particular services are needed in order for the Task Force to carry out its powers and duties.

By December 31, 1999, The Task Force on Family law and Children must submit to the Speaker of the House and the Minority Leader and the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Senate a report of its findings and recommendations on how to create a more civilized and constructive process for divorce, dissolution, legal separation, an annulment. LBO assumes minimal cost associated with this report.

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