Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

123 rd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL:	**H.B. 62**	DATE:	**February 2, 1999**
STATUS:	**As Introduced**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Coughlin**

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

CONTENTS: **Codifies existing practice governing the receipt and retention of specified inflammatory materials, specified obscene or other sexually-oriented materials, and other types of materials by prisoners in state correctional institutions**

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill codifies existing regulations and practice of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. No changes in the practice are proposed. There are no additional fiscal effects on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on local governments.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Provisions of the Bill

The bill would codify the current practice of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) governing the receipt of inflammatory, obscene or other sexually-oriented material. Specifically, the bill requires the head of each correctional institution to forward for approval by the Director of DRC proposed regulations governing the types and quantities of material permitted each prisoner in that institution. Mail-room personnel in each institution will use these approved regulations to screen in-coming material. The bill includes provision for an appeal process at the institutional level and to DRC's Central Office Publication Screening Committee.

Fiscal Analysis

Because this bill codifies existing DRC practices, its provisions will not create any new or additional costs for the state. No additional staff will be needed and no additional procedural requirements are mandated. Additionally, because the bill only addresses the handling of certain materials by state correctional institutions, it will have no direct effect on local governments.

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