Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

123 rd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL:	**Am. Sub.H.B. 176**	DATE:	**June 9, 1999**
STATUS:	**As Reported by Senate Human Services & Aging Subcommittee**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Winkler**

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

CONTENTS: **Authorizes the use of child day-care providers located in states bordering Ohio for publicly funded child day-care and makes changes to the law governing child welfare**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political governments.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill simply gives the local agency the flexibility to contract with a provider outside the state in order to provide services to Ohio clients who work outside the state. It does not provide increased or decreased funding to accommodate this flexibility. LBO assumes that many of the clients are currently receiving subsidized day care services in Ohio and will simply transfer to out of state vendors.

However, there is a possibility that the demand for day care services may increase if the bill prompts eligible persons, who are not applying now due to access and logistical issues, to seek child care. However, the resources that fund day care are limited to what the legislature appropriated. Thus, irrespective of demand, expenditures cannot exceed the current appropriation level.

Child Welfare changes

The bill makes several procedural changes to child welfare law. LBO has determined that these changes have no fiscal impact. However, according to a child welfare advocacy group, these changes puts Ohio into compliance with federal Title IV-E law, thereby avoiding the loss of federal funds.

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