Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

123 rd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL:	**H.B. 358**	DATE:	**June 9, 1999**
STATUS:	**As Introduced**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Cates**

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

CONTENTS: **Prohibits school districts from entering into exclusive contracts with photographers for senior photos that require students to use the contracting photographer**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

This bill prohibits school districts from entering into contracts with photographers for senior pictures that either require students to use the contracting photographer or that prohibit students from using a noncontracting photographer. The bill also prohibits school officials from refusing to publish a senior photo taken by a noncontracting photographer as long as it meets the quality and uniformity specifications set for a school publication.

According to officials with the Ohio School Boards Association, Buckeye Association of School Administrators, and the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators, the practice of school districts entering into exclusive contracts with photographers for senior pictures is not widespread. Districts often enter into contracts with photographers for pictures of school events and group photos for the school's yearbook. Under the bill, this practice would still be permitted.

The fiscal effects of this bill are minimal as no more than a handful of school districts would be affected. Further, this bill will only affect contracts for senior pictures. Policies regarding contracts for other school photographs will remain unchanged.

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