
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

County Hospital Administrator

Under current law, the board of county hospital trustees is required to directly employ an administrator to operate the facility. As contained in Senate Bill 55, section 339.07 of the Revised Code will allow the board to enter into a contract for the management of the hospital, under which an administrator will be provided. This change in the Revised Code could potentially lead to minimal savings for county hospitals that will no longer be required to directly hire an administrator. This section of the bill also requires the board of trustees to delineate the job description of an administrator when directly employed by the board.

Prevailing Wage Law Exemption

Under the bill, public improvements for the county hospital are not automatically subject to the prevailing wage law. Under current law, public authorities are generally required to have the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services determine the prevailing wage rates for mechanics and laborers for the class of work called for by the public improvement in the locality where the work is to be performed. In S.B. 55, if the improvement to a county hospital is not paid for by funds appropriated by the board of county commissioners for the hospital, the prevailing wage law requirement is exempted. This may provide some savings to county hospitals.

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