Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

127 th General Assembly of Ohio

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BILL:	**Sub. H.B. 120**	DATE:	**June 26, 2007**
STATUS:	**As Reported by Senate Judiciary--Criminal Justice**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Latta**

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

CONTENTS: **Criminal and civil asset forfeiture and declares an emergency**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Forfeiture

Substitute House Bill 241 of the 126th General Assembly, which takes effect July 1, 2007, reorganized, consolidated, and relocated many prior provisions containing specific criminal and civil asset forfeiture provisions with respect to corrupt activity, criminal gang activity, felony drug abuse offenses, contraband, and Medicaid fraud into new Chapter 2981. of the Revised Code. In its enacted form, Sub. H.B. 241 mistakenly retained inconsistent and unnecessary language from areas of the Revised Code that were subsequently changed by the bill. To correct the oversight, this bill – H.B. 120 – repeals the language referring to the former forfeiture provisions and declares an emergency in order to ensure that the unnecessary and inconsistent language is eliminated on the effective date of Sub. H.B. 241. The bill also adds references to the Department of Taxation that, due to an oversight, were not included in Sub. H.B. 241. As these provisions in H.B. 120 are essentially technical in nature, it would not appear that the bill would have any direct fiscal effect on the state or any of its political subdivisions.

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