Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL:	**H.B. 129**	DATE:	**May 9, 2007**
STATUS:	**As Introduced**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Evans and Rep. Book**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Permissive**

CONTENTS: **To authorize a two year pilot program to study the effects of teleconferencing on member participation in public meetings**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill authorizes a two-year pilot program that allows members of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council, the Governor's Council of People with Disabilities, and the facility governing board and judicial advisory board that governs the STAR Community Justice Center in Franklin Furnace Ohio, to be present at council or board meetings by teleconference or video teleconference. This will be done in lieu of being present in person, or to vote at a meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. Any of the participating boards or councils must adopt a rule permitting its members to utilize teleconferencing as a means of attending a public meeting.

If any such rule is adopted by any of the above boards or councils, that entity must submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, as well as the minority leaders of the House and Senate, not later than 18 months after the bill's effective date, that describes the effects that teleconferencing had on member participation in meetings. It must describe any additional costs that the board or council incurred, and any cost savings experienced through teleconferencing participation.

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