
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill allows any person or entity to donate certain dangerous drugs, including expired dangerous drugs, to pharmacy schools approved by the State Board of Pharmacy. It also allows pharmacy schools to accept such donations for instructional purposes only, with the exception of clinical instruction involving the ingestion or absorption of the drugs by humans or animals. Under current law pharmacy schools are not permitted to receive or use donated dangerous drugs. The bill requires the State Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules governing the donation of dangerous drugs to pharmacy schools. It also grants the State Board of Pharmacy, the Director of Health, donors, and pharmacy schools accepting donated dangerous drugs limited immunity from any criminal, civil, or professional liability for matters relating to the donation or acceptance of the drugs.

The State Board of Pharmacy could incur some administrative costs for adopting and maintaining rules governing the donation of dangerous drugs to pharmacy schools. Colleges and universities with pharmacy schools approved by the State Board of Pharmacy could potentially lower their spending in purchasing dangerous drugs for instructional purposes. Currently, four public universities and two independent nonprofit universities have approved pharmacy schools. These six universities are: (1) The Ohio State University, (2) the University of Toledo, (3) the University of Cincinnati, (4) the Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM), (5) Ohio Northern University (independent nonprofit), and (6) the University of Findlay (independent nonprofit). It is estimated that each of the four public schools of pharmacy spends between \$10,000 and \$50,000 annually on drugs for instructional purposes.¹

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¹ The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati indicate that they spend about \$10,000 and \$30,000, respectively, per year on drugs for instructional purposes.