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## *Detailed Fiscal Analysis*

### *Overview*

Under current practice, when a person takes a commercial driver's license (CDL) test or examination, that person can choose whether to take the test or examination in either English or Spanish; the Spanish language option has been available since September 25, 2007. Between that date and roughly the middle of December 2007, 9,887 persons took the CDL test. Of that number, 36 took the CDL test in the Spanish language; 6 passed, the remainder failed. The bill prohibits any CDL test or examination from being given in any language other than English.

### *State fiscal effects*

As a result of the bill's English only language requirement, certain persons that might otherwise have taken and passed the relevant CDL tests and examinations, and paid any related fees, may be less likely to do so. The Department of Public Safety's Ohio State Highway Patrol oversees these licensing activities, with any related revenues generally deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the State Highway Safety Fund (Fund 036).

From LSC fiscal staff's perspective, it does not appear that the bill's English only language requirement will produce a notable effect on the annual operating costs and related revenue collections associated with the Ohio State Highway Patrol's commercial driver's licensing duties and responsibilities.

### *Local fiscal effects*

The bill will have no direct fiscal effect on any political subdivisions of the state.

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