Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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STATUS:	**As Introduced**	SPONSOR:	**Sen. Cates**

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

CONTENTS: **Vaccination requirements for colleges and universities**

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 changes vaccination documentation requirements for students living in on-campus housing at all of Ohio's public and private institutions of higher education. Under current law, institutions must require students to disclose whether they have been vaccinated for meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B in order to reside in on-campus housing. The bill eliminates that requirement and mandates that institutions collect documentation or medical certification that all students living in on-campus housing have been vaccinated for meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B or have signed a waiver detailing that they choose not to have the required vaccinations for religious or medical reasons. Institutions must provide a waiver form to any student or parent who requests one and inform all students that the vaccination requirement can be waived. Institutions must also provide students with the meningitis and hepatitis B information available on the Department of Heath's web site. Ohio's public institutions may incur administrative costs under the bill. However, the savings from the elimination of the current documentation requirements will likely offset these costs.

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