
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires retailers in Ohio to sell only domestically made U.S. or Ohio flags. Whoever attempts to sell foreign equivalents is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree, which carries a maximum sentence of 60 days and a maximum fine of \$500. By making it a third-degree misdemeanor to sell foreign made U.S. or Ohio flags in Ohio, there could be new costs for local authorities responsible for investigating, prosecuting, adjudicating, and sanctioning offenders. While it is uncertain how many cases will result from the crime created by the bill, the number would likely be small, and thus the associated court expenses and revenue gain from fines would be minimal. The state may also experience a negligible gain in court cost revenue of \$24 per misdemeanor case. Fifteen dollars of the court costs goes to the GRF and the remaining \$9 goes to the Victims of Crime/Reparations Fund.

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