



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. H.B. 331 of the 128th G.A.

Date: April 5, 2010

Status: As Reported by House State Government

Sponsor: Rep. R. Hagan

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — Minimal cost

Contents: To require annual reports identifying the 50 employers in the state that employ the most individuals enrolled in certain public assistance programs

State Fiscal Highlights

- Minimal costs for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to determine the total costs to the state for benefits provided to the individuals employed by the 50 employers that employ the most individuals enrolled in certain public assistance programs; to prepare and distribute an annual report on those employers; to receive information regarding the impact the reports have on decisions regarding contracts, awards, subsidies, and incentives; and to make the required information available on a searchable Internet web site.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill

The bill requires the Director of Job and Family Services to annually complete a report specifying (1) the names of the 50 employers that employed the most individuals who, during the previous year, were recipients of, or individuals whose incomes were counted in determining eligibility for, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid, Ohio Works First (OWF), or the Food Assistance Program, (2) the number of such individuals employed in the previous year by each employer, and (3) the total cost to the state for the previous year of providing benefits to such individuals under any of those programs. The Director is to provide a copy of the report to each member of the General Assembly, the directors of Development and Budget and Management (or the Director's designee who serves on the Controlling Board), and each member of the Tax Credit Authority.

The bill requires the Director of Development and members of the Controlling Board and Tax Credit Authority to consider the information included in the annual report when deciding whether to grant an employer a contract, award, subsidy, or incentive or to approve such a contract, award, subsidy, or incentive and to notify the Director of Job and Family Services of the impact the report has on their decisions. The Director of Job and Family Services must make the report and information regarding the impact of the report available on a searchable Internet web site.

Fiscal effect

ODJFS currently tracks on a monthly basis the 50 employers that employ the most individuals enrolled on CHIP, Medicaid, OWF, or the Food Assistance Program. There will likely be a minimal increase in costs for ODJFS to determine the total costs to the state for benefits provided to the individuals employed by those employers.¹ There will also be a minimal increase in costs to prepare an annual report of this data, distribute the report to the persons specified in the bill, receive information regarding the impact of the report, and make the required information available and searchable on the Internet. In addition, the bill may indirectly affect the state's financial relationship to certain businesses based on the information contained in the reports and the effects that information has on the decisions made by the Director of Development and members of the Controlling Board and Tax Credit Authority.

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¹ For CHIP, Medicaid, and OWF, benefits and administration activities are paid with a mix of state and federal dollars. For the Food Assistance Program, all benefits and 50% of administrative activities are paid with federal dollars and the other 50% of administrative activities are paid with state dollars.