Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. S.B. 69 of the 128th G.A. **Date**: September 25, 2009

Status: As Passed by the Senate **Sponsor**: Sen. Cates

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — No local cost

Contents: Modify vaccination requirements for colleges and universities

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill's vaccination documentation requirements may increase the administrative costs of institutions of higher education; however, these costs will likely be offset by the savings from the elimination of the current requirements.
- The Board of Regents and the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools may incur minimal administrative expenses in the adoption of rules consistent with the bill's requirements.
- The Department of Health may experience minimal savings due to the elimination of the requirement to maintain a vaccination status form on its web site.

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 Department of Health is required to maintain on its web site a status form that a student may use to provide this disclosure. The bill eliminates the current 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 may be waived. Institutions must also provide students with the meningococcal meningitis and hepatitis B information available on the Department of Health'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. The Board of Regents and the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools are required to adopt rules to implement the bill's requirements, including a process for institutions to report their compliance. The Board of Regents and the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools may incur minimal expenses in the adoption and administration of these rules. The Department of Health may experience minimal savings due to the elimination of the requirement to maintain the status form on its web site.

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