Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. S.B. 79 of the 128th G.A. **Date**: June 10, 2009

Status: As Enacted – Effective October 6, 2009 **Sponsor**: Sen. Stewart

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

Contents: Removes the term 'mental retardation' from the titles of state agencies, county boards, councils, commissions, and various funds that use the term

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2010	FY 2011	FUTURE YEARS
Various Funds in the Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	
Expenditures	Increase of about $175,000	- 0 -	

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2010 is July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

- The Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities will incur costs of about $175,000 to change the Department's name as required by the bill to the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2010	FY 2011	FUTURE YEARS
County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	
Expenditures	Increase to county MR/DD boards	- 0 -	

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- Most county mental retardation and developmental disabilities boards will incur costs to implement the name change as required by the bill to county boards of developmental disabilities.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill changes the name of the Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Developmental Disabilities, changes the name of the county mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD) boards to county boards of developmental disabilities, and makes similar name changes for the Joint Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Developmental Center Closure Commission, and certain state and county funds. The bill allows the Department and the county MR/DD boards to use their remaining supplies of papers, business cards, and other materials purchased in bulk that include "mental retardation" in identifying the Department or county boards by name.

Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Ohio is one of seven (soon to be six) states in the country to currently utilize the term "mental retardation" in the name of the primary state agency, bureau, or division that oversees services for individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities; on June 30, 2009 the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation will become the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

The Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities will experience costs associated with changing the name of the Department to the Department of Developmental Disabilities as required by the bill. These costs will mostly consist of new signage for each of the Department's ten developmental centers and necessary modifications to computer applications to reflect the change. The Department estimates costs of about $175,000.

County boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities

Most county MR/DD boards will experience costs associated with the name change to county boards of developmental disabilities as required by the bill. Ten of the state's 88 county MR/DD boards have already "unofficially" changed names and are doing business as county boards of developmental disabilities. These county MR/DD boards include Athens, Belmont, Delaware, Fulton, Harrison, Henry, Noble, Pike, Union, and Washington. Reported expenses for these county MR/DD boards included one-time minimal costs associated with signage, letterhead, and web site alteration to reflect the changed name. Estimates received by the Association of County MR/DD Boards to make similar changes to the remaining county MR/DD boards range from about $1,000 for Vinton County to about $400,000 for Cuyahoga County. (The county MR/DD boards that have yet to change their name, may not incur costs to change the name on certain paper supplies since the bill allows for continued usage of remaining supplies with the old name.) The variance in cost is due to size and operational differences among the county MR/DD boards.

Councils, commissions, and various funds

Similar name changes are made by the bill to the Joint Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Developmental Center Closure Commission, and various funds. The Joint Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities consists of six state legislators, three from each house, and assists the Director of MR/DD and the Citizen's Advisory Council in various capacities. The Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Developmental Center Closure Commission exists only when the governor is considering the closure of a state-run developmental center. Changing the name of these entities will have minimal, if any, fiscal impact on the state or local governments.

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