



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** S.B. 79 of the 128th G.A.

**Date:** April 21, 2009

**Status:** As Introduced

**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
<b>Various Funds in the Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities</b>			
Revenues	- 0 -		- 0 -
Expenditures	About \$175,000 to implement the Department's name change		- 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
<b>County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities</b>			
Revenues	- 0 -		- 0 -
Expenditures	Increase to county MR/DD boards to implement the name change		- 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 boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD) may incur an increase in costs to implement the name change as required by the bill to county boards of developmental disabilities.

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## **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 boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities 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.

### **Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**

Ohio is one of seven 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. The number of states using the term "mental retardation" is expected to decrease as the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation will become the Department of Developmental Disabilities on June 30, 2009.

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 OAKS and other IT applications to reflect the change. The Department estimates potential costs of about \$175,000.

### **County boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities**

Most county boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD) 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 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 and line items. 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 Department operated 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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