



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 19 of the 129th G.A.](#)

Date: February 11, 2011

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Goodwin

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Requires county recorders to complete certain hours of continuing education programs

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill requires county recorders to complete certain hours of continuing education programming approved by the Ohio Recorders' Association and requires that county commissioners approve the payment of reasonable costs incurred for attending this programming from the recorder's budget.
- Any new costs that recorders incur are likely to be minimal, as the continuing education classes are free for Association members who are current on their dues. To attain the minimum hours of continuing education in the bill, some recorders might incur some additional amounts in travel and lodging expenses. In most cases, these expenses would be below \$1,000 annually.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires county recorders to complete a certain number of hours of continuing education courses annually. Newly elected recorders are required to complete at least 15 hours of continuing education. For each year thereafter, the recorder is required to complete eight hours of continuing education. The courses must be approved by the Ohio Recorders' Association (ORA), which is also required to track participation and report this information to the Auditor of State. Finally, the bill requires that county commissioners approve the payment of reasonable expenses that the recorder incurs from the county recorder's budget. Overall, county recorders that do not currently meet the bill's continuing education requirements could incur some small additional costs, most likely under \$1,000, to comply.

County recorders that are current on their annual dues to the ORA can attend ORA-sponsored continuing education classes free of charge. In calendar year 2011, ORA is scheduled to offer six separate continuing education events, providing up to 35 hours of continuing education credit. The continuing education classes cover a range of topics, including foreclosure procedures, implementing technology and software to increase efficiency, and protecting private information. Because this programming is free for dues-paying ORA members, the only additional cost is for travel and lodging. County recorders who are not current on their dues, however, are required to pay for the classes. For those recorders, the cost of complying with the continuing education requirements in the bill would be greater.