Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 79 of the 129th G.A. **Date**: March 11, 2011

Status: As Reported by House Health & Aging **Sponsors**: Reps. Bubp and Uecker

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: To prohibit qualified health plans from providing coverage for certain abortions

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill indicates that its purpose is to explicitly opt out of the federal law that would allow qualified health plans that cover nontherapeutic abortions to participate in Ohio's health benefit exchange. The opt-out authority is granted under the federal "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (PPACA). One of the requirements under the PPACA is for each state to implement a health benefit exchange before January 1, 2014. The exchange would allow individuals and small business employers to compare and purchase qualified health insurance plans, including coverage for abortions. The bill would prohibit a qualified health plan offered through an exchange from providing coverage for a nontherapeutic abortion. The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state and local governments.[1]

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[1] Existing law already prohibits the use of state funds for a nontherapeutic abortion.