



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** H.B. 104 of the 129th G.A.

**Date:** March 7, 2011

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Gardner

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Allows taxpayers to contribute through the income tax refund contribution system or directly to the Ohio Historical Society Income Tax Contribution Fund

### State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2011	FY 2012	FUTURE YEARS
<b>Ohio Historical Society Income Tax Contribution Fund (created by the bill)</b>			
Revenues	- 0 -	Possible gain	Possible gain
Expenditures	- 0 -	Possible increase	Possible increase
<b>Litter Control and Natural Resource Tax Administration Fund (Fund 4370)</b>			
Revenues	- 0 -	Possible gain	Possible gain
Expenditures	- 0 -	Possible increase	Possible increase

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

- The bill creates an additional check-off on the personal income tax form for the Ohio Historical Society. Persons may also contribute directly to the new fund created to receive money from the income tax check-off.
- Additional costs to the Department of Taxation to administer the income tax check-off system, up to 2.5% of contributions, would be paid out of those contributions.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill would allow taxpayers to direct a portion of income tax refunds due to them to the Ohio Historical Society. The refunds would be paid into the Ohio Historical Society Income Tax Contribution Fund created by the bill. Additional contributions directly to this fund by any persons would also be permitted. The Ohio Historical Society is to use money credited to the fund for the public functions established for the Society by section 149.30 of the Revised Code.

The income tax check-off for the Ohio Historical Society would become the fourth check-off on the state's personal income tax form. One-fourth of costs to the Department of Taxation to administer the income tax check-off system, up to 2.5% of total contributions, would be transferred from the Ohio Historical Society Income Tax Contribution Fund to the Litter Control and Natural Resource Tax Administration Fund (Fund 4370), which is used to compensate the Department for these costs.

The bill applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, so would be unlikely to result in contributions before FY 2012.

Current funds in the income tax check-off system raised the following amounts in the most recent two years for which records are posted on the Department of Taxation's web site:

Contributions from Current Income Tax Refunds							
Tax Year	Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund		Natural Areas and Preserves Fund		Military Injury Relief Fund		Total Amount
	Number of Returns	Amount	Number of Returns	Amount	Number of Returns	Amount	
2007	37,838	\$320,925	42,540	\$383,937	40,418	\$555,418	\$1,260,280
2008	44,236	\$417,489	41,561	\$351,973	44,216	\$670,513	\$1,439,975

Whether the new fund established by the bill would raise more or less than the amounts raised for funds in the current check-off system is uncertain. Fewer than 1% of returns include contributions to any one of the funds in the current system. Contributions average \$8 to \$15, overall, but range to more than \$100 in higher income brackets.