



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [H.B. 280 of the 129th G.A.](#)

**Date:** January 23, 2011

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Dovilla and Wachtmann

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Authorizes administrators of the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program and the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Program to receive funds from public and private sources

### State Fiscal Highlights

- Possible increase in revenues to the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund from public and private grants and other contributions.
- Possible increase in revenues to the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Program Fund, created in the bill.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill allows the administrators of the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program and the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Program to apply for and receive funds, including grants, gifts, bequests, and contributions, from public and private sources. The bill, therefore, may result in increased revenues for these programs. Any funds received for the National Guard Scholarship Program must be deposited to the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund, which already exists. Any funds received for the War Orphans Scholarship Program must be deposited to the Ohio War Orphan Scholarship Fund, which is created by the bill. This new fund is to be used to operate the War Orphans Scholarship Program and provide War Orphan Scholarships. The bill specifies that investment earnings from the cash in the new fund must be deposited to the fund.

The Board of Regents (BOR) currently administers the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program, whereas the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Board administers the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship Program. BOR and the Scholarship Board may incur minimal expenses if they choose to solicit and accept grants or donations. However, the additional revenues from grants, gifts, and other contributions presumably will more than offset any additional expenses.