



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [Sub. H.B. 303 of the 129th G.A.](#)

**Date:** April 20, 2012

**Status:** As Reported by House Health & Aging

**Sponsor:** Reps. Schuring and Carney

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Revises laws governing nurses, medication aides, dialysis technicians, and certified community health workers

### State Fiscal Highlights

- **Ohio Board of Nursing.** Potential negligible increase or decrease in administrative costs to implement certain provisions in the bill.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill modifies laws administered by the Ohio Board of Nursing, including laws governing Board procedures, the professionals the Board regulates (nurses, dialysis technicians, medication aides, and community health workers), disciplinary actions, criminal records checks, the Board's chemical dependency monitoring program, and advance practice nurse (APN) externships.<sup>1</sup> The bill restructures some of the Board's current laws, without changing the substance of those laws and eliminates obsolete laws. The bill conforms some existing law to current practice and to federal requirements. The bill eliminates obsolete fees that are no longer collected and slightly modifies a few of the fees currently charged by the Board. The bill makes technical and conforming changes to other Ohio statutes made necessary by the bill's modifications to the laws administered by the Board.

The Board of Nursing does not expect any significant fiscal impact from the bill. The Board does not expect the bill to result in any significant change in staff levels, disciplinary costs, administrative processes, or the number of licenses or certificates issued. The Board estimates that the slight fee modifications will only affect small populations and, therefore, will not have a significant impact on fee revenues. While it is possible that some of the provisions may result in a negligible increase in administrative costs, it is also possible that other provisions may result in a decrease in administrative costs. Any increase in administrative costs will be absorbed within the Board's existing resources.

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<sup>1</sup> The bill increases the extension period for an APN externship from one year to two years.