



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [H.B. 399 of the 129th G.A.](#)

**Date:** April 16, 2012

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Butler

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** To require each hospital to establish a policy governing authentication of verbal medical orders

### State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the governing body or chief administrator of each hospital to adopt a policy on verbal orders within 180 days after the bill's effective date. The bill addresses what is to be specified by the policy. Regarding authentication of verbal medical orders, the hospital's policy must provide either: (1) that an order be authenticated in accordance with the hospital's policy within 48 hours after it is given, or (2) that an order be immediately repeated by the individual who received it and verified or corrected by the health care professional and authenticated in accordance with the hospital's policy within 30 days after the patient's discharge. The bill requires that an individual employed by or provides medical services in a hospital must, on receipt of a verbal medical order, record the date and time the order was received and sign the record in accordance with hospital policy. If an order was repeated to a health care professional by the individual who received it and verified or corrected by the professional, this must also be noted in the record.

According to the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA), hospitals are currently required to authenticate verbal orders as a condition of participation in the Medicare Program. Thus, public hospitals should not realize any costs associated as a result of the bill's requirement.