Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. S.B. 141 of the 129th G.A. **Date**: July 6, 2011

Status: As Passed by the Senate **Sponsor**: Sen. Gillmor

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Authorizes a licensed physician, chiropractor, or physical therapist from another state to provide services to an out-of-state athletic team and certain accompanying individuals when the team is participating in a sporting event in Ohio.

State Fiscal Highlights

- Potential negligible loss of revenue to the State Medical Board resulting from fewer applications for special activity certificates

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

State Medical Board

Current law authorizes the State Medical Board to issue a special activity certificate to any person seeking to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in conjunction with a special activity, program, or event taking place in Ohio. The bill exempts a physician for an out-of-state athletic team from Ohio's physician licensure laws while the physician provides medical services in Ohio to the team members and accompanying individuals.

According to a representative of the Board, a special activity certificate is obtained primarily in the case of a physician who comes to Ohio to perform a certain procedure on a limited basis or is participating in an educational program. Although the special activity certificate is not intended for use by an athletic team physician, it is possible that such a physician has obtained the certificate for purposes of practicing during a sporting event.[1] The Medical Board may experience a loss of revenue resulting from fewer applications for special activity certificates; however, the impact is likely to be negligible.

Other Regulatory Boards

The bill also exempts chiropractors and physical therapists for an out-of-state athletic team from Ohio's licensure laws while the chiropractor or physical therapist provides medical services in Ohio to the team members and accompanying individuals. The State Chiropractic Board and the Occupational, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board do not issue temporary certificates or licenses similar to the special activity license issued by the Medical Board, and therefore would be unaffected by the bill.

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[1] The Medical Board does not currently keep track of the purpose for which a special activity certificate is to be used.