



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

**Bill:** S.B. 226 of the 129th G.A.

**Date:** March 15, 2011

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Sen. LaRose

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Exempt visual media showing the killing of a peace officer from Public Records Law

### State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may slightly increase the amount of time it takes law enforcement agencies to complete certain public records requests.

### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill generally exempts from the Public Records Law any videotape or other visual media taken by law enforcement personnel that shows the killing of a peace officer. Such visual media, if requested under current law, must be released by the law enforcement agency. Under the bill, the visual media would not be released to the requestor but would instead be made available for viewing in a supervised setting. As a result, law enforcement agencies may experience a slight increase in the amount of time it takes to complete certain public records requests, as law enforcement personnel would be required to provide a supervised viewing location for the requestor. As seen in the table below, which shows the number of peace officer deaths per year since 2000, it is unlikely that the bill will result in a noticeable increase in workload for any given law enforcement agency.

Number of Peace Officer Deaths, 2000-2011 <sup>1</sup>													
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	TOTAL
Deaths	4	6	5	3	2	3	5	7	5	2	4	6	52

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<sup>1</sup> This data was compiled from the Officer Down Memorial Page (<http://www.odmp.org/>) and the Ohio Peace Officer Memorial web site (<http://www.ohiofallenofficers.com/>).