



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Am. Sub. H.B. 8 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: February 6, 2014

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Reps. Roegner and Kunze

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Revises school safety laws

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill requires the Attorney General's Office (AG) to establish a model training curriculum. This requirement is unlikely to significantly increase expenditures for the AG.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Overview

Under current law, every school district is required to have a comprehensive school safety plan in place. The bill expressly authorizes a school district, community school, STEM school, or chartered nonpublic school board or governing authority to incorporate the designation of employees who may carry concealed handguns in a school safety zone into its school safety plan. In addition, the bill expands (1) the public records exemption for a school safety plan to include the designation of an employee authorized to carry a concealed handgun in a school safety zone and (2) the list of individuals who are exempt from the prohibition against knowingly conveying a deadly weapon into a school safety zone to include an off-duty peace officer. It also requires the board or governing authority to offer any employee authorized to carry a firearm who has been involved in an incident in which the employee's firearm was discharged the opportunity for a psychological assessment. It is unlikely that any of these provisions would have a significant fiscal impact on any local school district.

Civil immunity

The bill also grants qualified civil immunity to a school district or school or governing authority and certain designated employees from civil liability for acts related to that employee's use of a handgun in a school safety zone. The previously mentioned groups are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property arising from a designated employee's possession or use of a handgun in compliance with the school safety plan unless any injury, death, or loss resulted from the designated employee's reckless or wanton conduct. Any ongoing savings to the local courts resulting from a potential reduction in the number of civil actions filed would be unlikely to exceed minimal. Those courts may experience a loss in court costs and filing fees, but that loss would be likely offset by the potential savings effect noted previously.

Model training curriculum

Finally, the bill requires the Attorney General's Office (AG) to establish a model curriculum for training an employee authorized to carry a firearm on school grounds, including active shooter training. The board of education or governing authority is then permitted to utilize the model curriculum, in consultation with local law enforcement, to determine any additional training requirements for those employees authorized to carry a firearm. Any increase in expenditures for the AG to establish the model training curriculum are negligible and can be absorbed in its budget.