



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 145 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: May 17, 2013

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Henne

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Establishes a safe passing distance when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle and alters the protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill provides that when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle, the safe passing distance to the left is three feet. Several local jurisdictions already have this requirement in their local ordinances and, as such, the bill would make the law for this passing distance uniform across the state. Any fiscal impact on the state or local governments would be a potential gain in revenues if the requirement of the bill results in an increase of traffic citations, but any such gain is unlikely to exceed minimal.

The bill also alters the protocol for proceeding into an intersection that has malfunctioning traffic lights by adding to the actions that would allow a vehicle to proceed through a malfunctioning traffic light at an intersection to include the failure of a vehicle detector to detect the vehicle. This provision has no fiscal impact.

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