



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 218 of the 130th G.A.](#) **Date:** December 2, 2013
Status: As Reported by House Economic Development and Regulatory Reform **Sponsor:** Reps. Rosenberger and Dovilla

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: To require the Small Business Advisory Council to establish an entrepreneur in residence pilot program

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC), which is within the Office of the Governor, will likely not incur any additional expenditures due to the provisions in this bill. Entrepreneurs in residence, which are established by SBAC, will report directly to the head of their assigned agency, and the agencies may incur a cost for the activities of the pilot program.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC), which is within the Office of the Governor, must establish and operate an Entrepreneur in Residence Pilot Program. The mission of the pilot program is to provide for better outreach by state government to small businesses, to strengthen coordination and interaction between state government and small businesses, and to make state government programs and functions simpler, easier to access, more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of small businesses. SBAC will likely not incur any additional expenditures on behalf of the provisions in this bill.

Each of the three to five entrepreneurs in residence will report directly to the director of the state agency to which he/she is assigned. The residency would be for one year, and upon completion of the residency, each of the entrepreneurs must prepare a report with recommendations for their respective agency. The SBAC will also provide a report with recommendations about the future of the Entrepreneur in Residence Pilot Program one year after the entrepreneurs are assigned to state agencies.

The respective state agencies may incur a cost for the activities of their entrepreneur in residence, but those agencies are not specified by the bill; they will be determined by SBAC. The bill states that entrepreneurs in residence are not entitled to compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement from the state agency for actual and necessary expenses. For some agencies it may be that such costs would be paid from the GRF, while for others that would be unlikely. There is some potential for the bill to increase GRF expenditures by perhaps thousands of dollars, but it depends on the number of entrepreneurs in residence assigned to GRF-funded agencies.