



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** H.B. 275 of the 130th G.A.

**Date:** December 3, 2013

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Patmon and Barnes

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Creates the Commission on Violence Against Women and Children and designates August as "Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children Month"

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill establishes the Commission on Violence Against Women and Children and establishes criteria for the composition of the Commission. Commissioners are to serve without compensation but would be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.
- The bill requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to provide staff and other support services for the Commission. The ODJFS Director is also required to designate an employee to apply for grants and other sources of funds for the Commission and advocate on the federal level for the prevention of violence against women and children. ODJFS estimates that at least two staff would be required: an executive director and a support staff person at a cost of approximately \$180,000, including benefits. There could also be travel costs if staff are required to travel as part of their duties.
- The bill requires the Commission to submit on or before August 1, 2014, and on or before August 1 of each year thereafter, a report making recommendations on implementing solutions for the prevention of violence against women and children. ODJFS would likely incur the cost of producing the annual report.
- The bill establishes the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children Fund, which is to be used to accept gifts, grants, donations, contributions, benefits, and other funds from any public agency or private source to carry out any or all of the Commission's duties.
- The bill designates August as "Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children Month" to increase awareness of and to encourage the prevention of violence against women and children. The bill requires no direct action on the part of state or local governmental entities. Thus, there should be no direct fiscal costs associated with this designation.

## Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.
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### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

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The bill requires the Commission to submit on or before August 1, 2014, and on or before August 1 of each year thereafter, a report making recommendations on implementing solutions for the prevention of violence against women and children. The report is to be submitted to the Governor, Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, Speaker of the House, House Minority Leader, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. ODJFS would likely incur the cost of producing the annual report.

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