



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 276 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: November 20, 2013

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Stautberg

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Civil immunity for health care facilities

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill would generally reduce the number of civil actions involving health care facilities, or expedite the dismissal of such cases thereby reducing case processing expenditures for the common pleas courts.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill's provisions will largely affect courts of common pleas, as they generally have jurisdiction over most medical claim actions given the amount of damages typically sought by plaintiffs. In the short term, there could be an increase in claims filed before the bill is enacted, as plaintiffs and their counsel in certain circumstances may feel current law will produce a more favorable outcome than would be the case under the bill. Over the longer term however, it is expected that the bill will reduce caseloads, or expedite the resolution of applicable cases filed with the courts based on the civil immunity. The overall reduction in caseloads will create a savings for the courts measured in terms of court time and improved administrative efficiency in the adjudication of these types of cases.

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