



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 303 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: November 7, 2014

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Hayes

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Establishes the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2013" which defines religious expression, permits students to engage in religious activity at school, and prohibits schools from disallowing religious expression in class assignments

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 subjects school districts and community schools to the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2013," which permits students to engage in religious expression before, during, and after school hours to the same extent that they are permitted to engage in secular activities or expression during the same times. The bill also prohibits schools from disallowing religious expression in class assignments. As defined in the bill, "religious expression" includes prayer, religious gatherings, distribution of written literature, and any other activity of a religious nature. The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or school districts.

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