



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [H.B. 323 of the 130th G.A.](#)

**Date:** January 21, 2014

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Duffey and C. Hagan

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Requires the Director of Administrative Services to establish the data.Ohio.gov website

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Department of Administrative Services would incur costs that would depend on any computer equipment, software, or labor necessary to develop and implement the website to host public records and data sets.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the Director of Administrative Services to establish and operate the data.Ohio.gov website to function as a portal and catalog where public records and data sets of public records can be located and accessed by the public. Under the bill, public records and data sets available on the website would include public records and data sets created by the state and other public offices. The bill also requires the Director to adopt rules specifying the policies and procedures for administering and operating the website and make every effort to ensure data posted there is in an open format and is machine readable. Additionally, the bill requires the Director to consider affiliating data.Ohio.gov with the federal government's data website located online at data.gov.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) would incur costs to develop and implement the website required under the bill. Data websites of other states, including Colorado, Hawaii, and Oregon, which have websites that appear to serve a similar purpose to that of the proposed data.Ohio.gov, were implemented using a turnkey application offered by a private vendor. According to the vendor, annual licensing for the software used in those states is a few hundred thousand dollars each year depending on which features of the application are used. Ultimately, costs incurred by DAS would depend on any computer equipment, software, and labor necessary to establish the website.