



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 452 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: May 23, 2014

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Reps. Gonzales and Derickson

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

Contents: To require children's residential facilities to provide specified information to local law enforcement agencies, emergency management agencies, and fire departments and to require the Department of Job and Family Services to implement a Child Placement Level of Care Tool Pilot Program

State and Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill creates the Child Placement Level of Care Tool Pilot Program and requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to implement and oversee use of the pilot program. The bill requires that the pilot program be implemented in up to ten counties selected by the Department and must include the county and at least one private child placing agency or private noncustodial agency. According to ODJFS, the total estimated cost for the pilot program would be approximately \$1.2 million. Of the \$1.2 million, approximately \$740,000 would be state costs and approximately \$460,000 would be county costs.
- The bill requires each public children services agency or superintendent of a county or district children's home to establish a community engagement plan in accordance with rules adopted by ODJFS. There could be a minimal cost to public children services agencies and to county or district children's homes to create a community engagement plan. There would be a minimal administrative cost to ODJFS to adopt rules.
- The bill requires county or district children's homes to provide specified information to local law enforcement agencies, emergency management agencies, and fire departments. There could be a minimal increase in administrative costs to these local agencies and departments to keep the information on file.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Level of Care Tool Pilot Program

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Estimated Cost for Level of Care Tool Pilot Program in Ten Counties	
Cost Component	Amount
IT SACWIS Changes	\$300,000
Evaluation Costs	\$262,250
Policy Development	\$70,200
Training Curriculum	\$50,000
State Monitoring and Technical Assistance	\$37,600
Costs to Provide Training	\$24,200
Total State Cost	\$744,250
County Training Costs	\$350,718
County Cost to Complete the Pilot Program	\$109,238
Total County Cost	\$459,956
Total Cost	\$1,204,206

Community engagement plan

The bill requires each child placing agency, private noncustodial agency, public children services agency, or superintendent of a county or district children's home to establish a community engagement plan in accordance with rules adopted by ODJFS. The bill requires ODJFS file initial rules within 90 days of the bill's effective date. There could be a minimal cost to public children services agencies and a county or district children's home to create a community engagement plan. There would be a minimal administrative cost to ODJFS to adopt rules.

Residential facility requirements

The bill requires the following residential facilities to provide specified information to local law enforcement agencies, emergency management agencies, and fire departments: (1) group homes for children, (2) children's crisis care facilities, (3) children's residential centers, (4) residential parenting facilities that provide 24-hour child care, (5) county children's homes, and (6) district children's homes. This information includes where the facility is located and that the facility will be operating in the agency's or department's jurisdiction, the facility's procedures for emergencies and disasters, a copy of the facility's emergency medical plan, and a copy of the facility's community engagement plan. There could be a minimal increase in administrative costs to these local agencies and departments to keep the information on file.

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