



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [S.B. 54 of the 130th G.A.](#)

**Date:** November 5, 2013

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Sens. Kearney and Eklund

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Requires physicians to specify if a patient is found to have dense breast tissue in the mammography report sent to the patient

### State Fiscal Highlights

- **State Medical Board of Ohio.** The State Medical Board of Ohio could realize a minimal increase in administrative costs if disciplinary actions are necessary for failure to comply with the requirement in the bill.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- **Public hospitals.** Public hospitals might realize a negligible increase in administrative costs for including the required statement in a patient's mammography report for those patients determined to have dense breast tissue.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires physicians to specify if a patient is found to have dense breast tissue in the mammography report sent to the patient. A physician interpreting a mammogram must determine whether the patient has dense breast tissue according to standards established by the American College of Radiology. If so, the physician is required to include in the mammography report, a statement that specifies that the patient has dense breast tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, and that the patient may benefit from supplementary screening tests, depending on the patient's risk factors. According to the Ohio Hospital Association, there could be a negligible increase in administrative costs to public hospitals for adding this information to the mammography report. Additionally, there could be a minimal increase in administrative costs to the State Medical Board of Ohio for any disciplinary actions taken in regards to physicians who fail to comply with this requirement.

There could be indirect impacts to state and local entities that provide health care services if an individual who receives such a statement seeks additional health tests through state or local sponsored programs.