



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [S.B. 69 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: September 20, 2013

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Beagle

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Establishes the Course and Program Sharing Network and makes an appropriation

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill creates the Course and Program Sharing Network to be administered by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents (BOR) and appropriates \$459,500 to GRF appropriation item 235485, Course and Program Sharing Network, in FY 2014, to support the Network.
- The bill earmarks \$300,000 from 235485 in FY 2014 to be used by BOR to provide incentive grants to Ohio's colleges, universities, and adult career centers to pay a portion of the cost of developing a course-share program.
- The bill earmarks \$149,500 from 235485 in FY 2014 to support BOR's administration of the Network.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill establishes the Course and Program Sharing Network, which is to consist of course-share programs that share existing curricula, increase course availability, and avoid unnecessary course duplication. The bill specifies that the programs be developed through agreements among Ohio colleges, universities, and adult career centers. The bill appropriates \$459,500 to GRF appropriation item 235485, Course and Program Sharing Network, in FY 2014, to support the Network and earmarks \$300,000 of the total appropriation to be used by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents (BOR) to provide incentive grants to participating colleges, universities, and adult career centers to pay a portion of the cost of developing a course-share program. A participating entity is likely to incur costs in helping to develop a program. However, any costs are likely to be offset, at least partially, by the funds awarded by BOR.

The bill requires BOR to administer the Network. Specifically, the bill requires BOR to develop rules and procedures for course-share programs and the Network, as well as for the distribution of the grants. To support BOR's efforts, the bill earmarks \$149,500 in FY 2014.