Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Am. S.B. 106 of the 130th G.A. **Date**: February 20, 2014

Status: As Reported by House Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security **Sponsor**: Sen. Schaffer

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle on or onto any location that is temporarily covered by a rise in water level

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Reparations Fund (Fund 4020) and the Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DY0) could see a minimal gain in revenues as a result of locally collected state court costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Local courts could experience an increase in costs as a result of the requirement of an offender to appear in court to answer the charge. This increase would be partially offset by the fines associated with a minor misdemeanor charge.
- The agency responsible for the rescue of an offender could see a minimal gain in revenues as a result of the financial sanctions established by the bill.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle on or onto a public street or highway that is temporarily covered by a rise in water level if it is clearly marked as closed. In addition to a violation resulting in a minor misdemeanor charge, it also imposes a financial sanction on an offender of up to $2,000 for the cost of the person's rescue that is payable to the person's rescuer.

State fiscal effects

If a person is charged for a violation of the provisions of the bill, that person is required to appear in court to answer the charge. As a result, there could be some minimal amount of revenue collected in the form of locally collected state court costs. For a misdemeanor, this equals $9 to the Reparations Fund (Fund 4020) and $20 to the Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DY0).

Local fiscal effects

If there is an increase in court cases as a result of new citations, then there could be an increase in expenditures for the municipal court that would be, at least partially, offset by any fine associated with a minor misdemeanor (not more than $150 per citation). In addition, the agency that performed the rescue could see a gain in revenue as a result of the financial sanctions established by the bill. Any gain in revenue is unlikely to exceed minimal.

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