



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** S.B. 198 of the 130th G.A.

**Date:** November 7, 2013

**Status:** As Reported by House Health and Aging

**Sponsor:** Sens. Jones and Tavares

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates October as "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month" and encourages the completion of a death investigation reporting form when an infant dies suddenly

### State Fiscal Highlights

- Department of Health costs would increase if the data collected from the submitted death investigation reporting forms is analyzed to prevent future unexplained infant deaths.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- Administrative costs for county governments would increase if the coroners or deputy coroners complete the death investigation reporting form.

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### Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates October as "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month" to raise public awareness about SIDS. This provision requires no direct action on the part of state or local government entities. Thus, there should be no direct fiscal impact associated with this designation.

The bill also encourages coroners, deputy coroners, or any other individual who has been designated to investigate the death of a child who was one year of age or younger to complete a sudden unexplained infant death investigation reporting form developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This provision is permissive; therefore, it would increase administrative costs for county governments if the coroners or deputy coroners complete the form. If the form is completed, the bill requires a copy to be sent to the Director of Health and used for the purpose of collecting data to prevent future unexplained infant deaths. Costs would increase for the Department of Health if the collected data is analyzed to prevent future unexplained infant deaths.