



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. S.B. 207 of the 130th G.A.

Date: December 16, 2014

Status: As Reported by House Judiciary

Sponsor: Sens. Patton and Manning

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Parental rights of a person convicted of or pleading guilty to rape or sexual battery

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Very few court actions or proceedings are likely to be initiated or affected by the bill's parental rights provisions. This means that there will likely be no discernible costs for the domestic relations and juvenile divisions of the courts of common pleas to hear and decide certain parental rights matters.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits the parent of a child alleging that the child was conceived as the result of rape or sexual battery to bring an action before the court to declare the other parent to be the parent of a child conceived as a result of rape or sexual battery, and permits the aggrieved parent to initiate other related actions and proceedings (termination of the marriage, granting of parental rights, and revocation or modification of a previously issued order denying, terminating, or limiting parental rights). As a result, the domestic relations and juvenile divisions of certain courts of common pleas may experience a slight increase in workload to make determinations and issue notices and orders. Based on conversations with the Ohio Judicial Conference, these types of actions or proceedings will be extremely rare, which means that, for any given domestic relations or juvenile division, the handling of these matters is not likely to generate any discernible ongoing costs.

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