



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Sub. S.B. 278 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: June 11, 2014

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Sens. Jones and Tavares

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Requires the completion of a sudden unexplained infant death investigation reporting form whenever a child one year of age or younger dies suddenly and the cause of death is not obvious prior to investigation and requires that the appropriate child fatality review board receive a copy of each completed form

State Fiscal Highlights

- If the sudden unexplained infant death investigation (SUIDI) reporting form developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is used, there would be no fiscal impact related to the form for the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). However, if a reporting form is developed as an alternative to the CDC form, ODH estimates that it could experience an increase of approximately \$20,000 in administrative costs to have a supply of the form printed and to make the form available online.
- The bill removes a recently enacted provision requiring a copy of completed SUIDI forms to be sent to the Director of Health for the purposes of collecting data. ODH may experience savings related to the removal of this requirement.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- County governments may experience an increase in administrative costs related to coroners' completion of the required sudden unexplained infant death investigation reporting form.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires, rather than encourages, a coroner, deputy coroner, or other individual who has been designated to investigate the death of a child to complete a sudden unexplained infant death investigation (SUIDI) reporting form developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) if the child was one year of age or younger at the time of death and if the death occurred suddenly, unexpectedly, and the cause of which is not immediately obvious prior to investigation. The bill allows the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), in consultation with the Ohio State Coroners Association, to develop a reporting form as an alternative to the CDC form. If this alternative form is developed, ODH estimates that it may experience an increase of \$20,000 in administrative costs to have a supply of the form printed and to make the form available online.

A copy of the completed form and the coroner's report must be submitted to the appropriate child fatality review board or regional child fatality review board. County governments may experience an increase in administrative costs related to the coroners' completion and submission of the form. The bill also removes a recently enacted provision requiring a copy of completed SUIDI forms to be sent to the Director of Health for the purposes of collecting data. ODH may experience savings related to the removal of this requirement.