
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Every school that operates a food service would be required to have an employee trained in the Heimlich maneuver present during periods when food is served at the school. These periods would include lunch at most schools and breakfast at some schools. This employee must be able to demonstrate ability to administer the Heimlich maneuver before being placed in the lunchroom. Fire departments offer training courses in the Heimlich maneuver and school districts, or individual schools, can contact their local fire departments about set classes, or a special class. These classes are usually free of cost, as they are part of community education programs that departments offer. School districts may also opt to send employees to a program like the one that the Red Cross offers, which not only offers training in the Heimlich, but also certification.

The certification programs combine the training of the Heimlich maneuver with CPR training. This is because if there is a food blockage that renders the patient unconscious, there are different methods for removing that blockage.

Local expenditures could reach as high as \$246,250 if every school in the State of Ohio (4,925 public, non-public, JVS and special schools) sends one employee to a higher priced certification course (the Red Cross class for Child CPR at \$50 per person). To ensure full lunch coverage some schools may choose to train more than one person. Also schools may already have staff assigned in this manner or have some staff trained by these programs that might be assigned.

For this estimate it is assumed that when snacks are served in classrooms or when sack lunches are consumed in the classroom, this requirement will not apply.

The bill also limits the potential liability of non public schools and their employees in a manner similar to the liability protections available to public schools and their employees under the Political Subdivision Sovereign Immunity Law. This change has no fiscal impact.

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