



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Sub. H.B. 552 of the 130th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Rep. Stautberg

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Requires the Ohio Department of Health to develop an information sheet regarding Down syndrome, requires health care professionals to distribute the form, and revises language standards for signs containing the international symbol of access

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Health may experience an increase in administrative costs to develop an information sheet regarding Down syndrome and make the sheet available on its website.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Public hospitals may experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to print and distribute the information sheet to patients who receive either a test indicating Down syndrome or a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Down syndrome information sheet

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to develop an information sheet regarding Down syndrome, including a description of Down syndrome, diagnostic tests, options for treatment and therapy, as well as contact information for organizations that provide Down syndrome educational and support services and programs. The bill requires ODH to periodically review and update the information sheet and make it available on the Department's website. ODH may experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to create the information sheet and make the sheet available on its website.

The bill also requires certain health care professionals and facilities to provide the information sheet to a patient who receives either a test result indicating Down syndrome or a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. Public hospitals may

experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to print and distribute the information sheet under those circumstances.

Language standards for accessibility signs

The bill requires that whoever erects or replaces a sign containing the international symbol of access use forms of the word "accessible" instead of "handicapped" or "disabled." Signs with new wording would replace old signs when replacement is needed. There would presumably be no additional cost in purchasing or making newly worded signs.

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