

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

127th General Assembly of Ohio

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BILL: **S.B. 21** DATE: **March 21, 2007**
STATUS: **As Introduced** SPONSOR: **Sen. Coughlin**
LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Minimal cost**
CONTENTS: **Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic-Violence Protection Orders Act**

State Fiscal Highlights

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Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2007	FY 2008	FUTURE YEARS
Counties, Municipalities, and Townships			
Revenues	No readily discernible revenue effect	No readily discernible revenue effect	No readily discernible revenue effect
Expenditures	Likely effects to vary by jurisdiction, ranging along a fiscal impact continuum of potential savings, no local cost impact, and minimal compliance costs	Likely effects to vary by jurisdiction, ranging along a fiscal impact continuum of potential savings, no local cost impact, and minimal compliance costs	Likely effects to vary by jurisdiction, ranging along a fiscal impact continuum of potential savings, no local cost impact, and minimal compliance costs

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- Revenues.** Based on preliminary information, it does not appear that the bill will have any direct and readily discernible effect on local government revenues and expenditures.
- Court and law enforcement expenditures.** As of this writing, it appears that local courts and law enforcement in Ohio could experience, as a result of the bill, some mix of effects that includes: (1) codifying practice, with no attendant fiscal consequences, (2) making enforcement more efficient and effective, with potential cost savings, and (3) elevating enforcement burden, with potential compliance costs. As of this writing, based on admittedly limited information, it appears that: (1) many local jurisdictions will fall into some mix of the first two above-noted effects, and (2) some local jurisdictions may need to implement changes in their enforcement procedures. It has been suggested to LSC fiscal staff that the local compliance costs associated with the above-noted third effect would be no more than minimal.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill, which appears to essentially adopt model legislation developed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, (1) defines the meaning of interstate enforcement in the context of the enforcement of domestic-violence protection orders, and (2) establishes uniform procedures for the interstate enforcement of domestic-violence protection orders.

At this time, LSC fiscal staff's research into the bill's fiscal effects on the state and in particular local government is ongoing and limited to a handful of individuals familiar with the issuance and enforcement of protection orders in Ohio. Thus, the information presented herein should be viewed as preliminary and potentially subject to revision once LSC fiscal staff has had an opportunity to discuss the bill's fiscal ramifications with more individuals familiar with the issuance and enforcement of protection orders.

Local fiscal effects

Revenues

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Enforcement costs

It seems plausible that the bill could produce at least three distinct effects on local courts and law enforcement around Ohio as follows:

- (1) Codifies practice, with no attendant fiscal consequences.
- (2) Makes enforcement more efficient and effective, with potential cost savings.
- (3) Elevates enforcement burden, with potential compliance costs.

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