



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 26 of the 128th G.A.](#)

Date: March 27, 2009

Status: As Reported by House Education

Sponsor: Rep. B. Williams

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — No local cost

Contents: Prohibits corporal punishment in all public and chartered nonpublic schools

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill prohibits corporal punishment in all public and chartered nonpublic schools. Under current law, a school district board may adopt a policy permitting corporal punishment after studying the findings of a local discipline task force. According to the Ohio Department of Education, 12 school districts in Ohio reported the use of corporal punishment in the 2007-2008 school year.

As alternative forms of discipline are not expected to be more costly than corporal punishment, the bill does not have any direct fiscal effects on the state or political subdivisions including school districts.

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