



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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

**Date:** March 9, 2009

**Status:** As Introduced

**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.

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### 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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