



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Am. H.B. 403 of the 128th G.A. **Date:** May 14, 2010
Status: As Reported by House Local Government and Public Administration **Sponsor:** Rep. DeGeeter

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — Permissive

Contents: Authorizes nonchartered municipal corporations to establish community emergency response teams

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 provides nonchartered municipal corporations with the authority to establish, by ordinance, a community emergency response team (CERT). These are volunteer organizations responsible for educating persons in municipal corporations about disaster preparedness and for training community members in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Currently, there are 99 such CERTs operating in the state of Ohio. The bill would classify the CERT organizations permitted by the bill as municipal entities and provide CERT volunteers with the same legal protections and immunities as those provided to municipal employees under section 2744.02 of the Revised Code, similar to auxiliary police and other related volunteer organizations. The bill is not expected to have any fiscal impact on any political entity.

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