



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Sub. H.B. 120 of the 129th G.A.](#) **Date:** May 27, 2011
Status: As Reported by House Agriculture & Natural Resources **Sponsor:** Reps. Carey and Gentile

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Creates the Water Access to Every Residence Task Force

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Department of Development could incur some minimal additional administrative costs to support the Task Force. The bill requires members of the Task Force to serve without compensation.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill creates the Water Access to Every Residence Task Force, to consist of 14 members. The Task Force is to be chaired by the Director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia. The other members are to include the following: representatives of the Department of Health, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, the Ohio Township Association, the Ohio Municipal League, the Ohio Environmental Health Association, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Ohio Rural Water Association, and the Ohio Section of the American Water Works Association, to be appointed by their respective organizations; representatives of the Ohio Small Communities Environmental Infrastructure Group and the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program, to be appointed by the Governor; and one member each from the House and Senate, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, respectively.

The bill charges the Task Force with identifying residential communities and areas of the state in which potable drinking water is not readily accessible and developing strategies for providing access to drinking water and financing drinking water projects. The Task Force is to submit a report to the General Assembly containing its findings and recommendations no later than one year after the bill's effective date, at which point the Task Force will cease to exist.

The bill requires that members of the Task Force serve without compensation, and also requires the Department of Development to provide the Task Force with a meeting room and administrative assistance. As a result, the Department could incur some minimal additional administrative costs to support the Task Force.