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# **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

Bill:	H.B. 120 of the 129th G.A.	Date:	March 9, 2011
Status:	As Introduced	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 eight 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 County Commissioners Association of Ohio, the Ohio Township Association, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and the Ohio Rural Water Association, to be appointed by their respective organizations; a representative of the Ohio Small Communities Environmental Infrastructure Group, 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 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.

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