



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 217 of the 129th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Patmon

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: To require a hospital to provide information regarding breast reconstruction

State Fiscal Highlights

- **Department of Health.** The bill specifies that the required information should include a variety of topics, as well as any other information the Director of Health considers appropriate. As a result, it is possible that the Department of Health would have a minimal increase in administrative costs related to information review and analysis.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- **Government-owned hospitals.** The requirement that hospitals provide breast reconstruction information to patients prior to certain procedures would increase administrative and printing costs to hospitals. If the information was easily compiled and could be printed by hospital staff on standard printers, the costs would likely be minimal.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires a hospital to provide written information regarding breast reconstruction to a patient before obtaining the patient's consent for a mastectomy, lymph node dissection, or lumpectomy. The following must be provided: (1) descriptions of reconstruction options and the advantages and disadvantages of each, (2) information on how to obtain reconstructive surgery, (3) information on the timing of reconstructive surgery, (4) an explanation of the availability of health insurance coverage for reconstruction and related services, and (5) any other information the Director of Health considers appropriate.

This requirement would increase administrative and printing costs to government-owned hospitals. If the information was easily compiled and could be printed or copied by hospital staff on standard printers or copiers, the costs would likely be minimal.

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