



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [H.B. 295 of the 129th G.A.](#)

**Date:** December 12, 2011

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Rep. Ruhl

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Games of chance and bingo conducted by agricultural societies

### State Fiscal Highlights

- As a result of the bill's enactment, the Office of the Attorney General may realize a minimal at most increase in the amount of bingo licensing fees deposited annually to the credit of the Charitable Law Fund (Fund 4180). To the degree that there is a related impact on the Attorney General's workload and related annual operating costs, it is unlikely to exceed minimal as well.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill removes the prohibition that an agricultural society must not permit a charitable organization to conduct games of chance or bingo on a county fairground, for one week before, during, or for three days after a fair. There are 94 agricultural societies operating across the state, the majority of which are county affiliated. The remaining societies, less than ten, are independently operated.

LSC fiscal staff has not gathered any information suggesting that the bill will noticeably increase the administrative, investigative, and enforcement workload and related annual operating costs of the Office of the Attorney General's Charitable Law Section.<sup>1</sup> Likewise, bingo licensing revenues will also largely remain unaffected, although there may be some money gained if, as a result of removing the prohibition, an organization's gross annual receipts ultimately increase (which could increase the annual license amount paid to the state). Thus, the potential effect on the Attorney General's expenditures and revenues, in particular those associated with the Charitable Law Fund (Fund 4180), which is used to support the Charitable Law Section, is unlikely to be more than minimal annually. The bill will not directly affect any of the state's political subdivisions.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to its licensing function, the Charitable Law Section is authorized, in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies when necessary and appropriate, to investigate, examine accounts and records, conduct inspections, and take any other necessary and reasonable actions to administer and enforce the Charitable Gaming Law.