



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [S.B. 177 of the 129th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Turner

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Requires certain public high schools to establish student advisory committees to make recommendations about the school improvement process

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Department of Education may incur increased administrative costs in coordinating two meetings annually for all student advisory committees statewide.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Public high schools that receive federal school improvement grants may incur increased administrative costs for establishing student advisory committees. These costs are not likely to exceed a minimal amount.
- School districts that have two or more high schools with committees may incur increased administrative costs for coordinating two district-wide joint meetings of student advisory committees each year. These costs also are not likely to exceed a minimal amount.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

In March 2010, the U.S. Department of Education awarded the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) \$132 million in School Improvement Grants (SIG) to be distributed to the state's consistently lowest achieving Title I schools to assist them in implementing school improvement plans. ODE has awarded all of the available funds to a total of 87 schools, including 46 high schools. The bill requires each public high school that receives SIG funds to establish a student advisory committee to make recommendations, at least twice each year, about the school improvement process. If a school district has two or more high schools with committees, the district must organize two joint committee meetings each year. Presumably, the committees will be led and the recommendations will be formulated and presented by students, and activities involving adult supervision and advice may be performed by existing school personnel with minimal additional costs to the schools or districts.

The bill also requires ODE to coordinate two meetings per year of all student advisory committees across the state. ODE may incur increased administrative costs for coordinating these meetings. The bill does not specify whether ODE, the schools, or the committee participants are responsible for any travel expenses associated with the statewide meetings.