



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 150 of the 130th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Gonzales

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Replaces the Rehabilitation Services Commission with the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Rehabilitation Services Commission may realize an increase in costs less than \$100,000 related to its name change to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill replaces the Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) with the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD). RSC estimates that the costs related to the name change will amount to less than \$100,000. Within the newly created Agency, the Governor will appoint the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission. Individuals serving on the current Commission will continue to serve on the newly created Commission until their term limit expires. The bill extends term limits of all seven Commission members to seven years. Currently, members of the Commission serve terms between one and seven years.

The bill makes changes to the responsibilities of the Commission and the Executive Director. The bill provides that the Commission will conduct reviews and analyses of Agency effectiveness and consumer satisfaction, while eliminating other responsibilities for the Commission. Under the provisions of the bill, the Executive Director may establish procedures for the governance of the Agency, the conduct of employees, the performance of Agency business, and the preservation of Agency records. The bill also grants authority to the Executive Director to take various actions regarding daily operations and the provision of vocational rehabilitation services.

Other provisions of the bill replace references to a "handicapped person" and "disabled person" in the Revised Code to a "person with a disability," while references to a "disability" or "handicap" are replaced with "impairment" and "impediment."

Name change cost estimates

RSC estimates that the total internal and external costs of the name change will be between \$58,450 and \$90,348, which includes new signage, business cards, employee ID badges, as well as hours worked to update information technology infrastructure and the Agency web site. RSC estimates that nearly \$100,000 will be saved by retaining its current Agency ID code within the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System. The table below provides low and high estimates for purchases from vendors and in-house costs. In-house costs are not additional expenditures, but will be absorbed in the current budget.

| Name Change Cost Estimates | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Description | Low Estimate | High Estimate |
| <u>Purchases from Vendors</u> | | |
| Business Cards | \$4,500 | \$8,100 |
| Employee ID Badges | \$1,550 | \$8,748 |
| Signage | \$12,000 | \$22,500 |
| Name Changes on Agency Vehicles | \$50 | \$150 |
| Vendor Subtotal | \$18,100 | \$39,498 |
| <u>In-House Costs</u> | | |
| IT Infrastructure & Web Site Changes | \$40,000 | \$48,000 |
| Update ORC | \$350 | \$350 |
| Marketing Materials | - | \$2,500 |
| In-House Subtotal | \$40,350 | \$50,850 |
| Total | \$58,450 | \$90,348 |

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