



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [Am. H.B. 204 of the 130th G.A.](#) **Date:** March 17, 2014  
**Status:** As Reported by House Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security **Sponsor:** Rep. Perales

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Modifies the law related to graduated driver's licenses and extends driver education requirements to all applicants under the age of 21

### State Fiscal Highlights

- There is a gain in revenues of approximately \$180,000 per year to the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40), depending on the number of new drivers between the ages of 18 and 21 who will be affected by the extended driver education requirements.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- There is a potential gain in revenues as a result of the increased number of potential violations under the bill's changes to graduated driver's licenses, but it is unlikely to exceed minimal as the offenses in the bill are secondary traffic offenses.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

### Graduated driver's licenses

The bill modifies the law related to graduated driver's licenses by increasing the age at which a probationary driver's license holder can be without being subject to certain driving restrictions. Given that the bill increases the number of drivers subject to the driving restrictions outlined in it, local law enforcement could see a gain in fine revenue. Any increase is dependent on the number of violations but, given that the offense is a secondary traffic offense, it is unlikely that a gain in revenues would be more than minimal.

### Extended driver education requirements

The bill extends the driver education or training course requirement to all applicants under the age of 21, instead of under the age of 18 as under current law. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) estimates that this extension will increase the number of new drivers required to complete driver education by approximately 45,000 annually.<sup>1</sup> All new drivers are required to obtain certificates of completion from the BMV that cost \$4 each. This would result in around \$180,000 in additional revenue annually (45,000 new drivers x \$4) to be deposited to the credit of the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40).

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<sup>1</sup> Over the last four years, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles has issued between 44,000 and 47,000 original driver's licenses to new drivers between the ages of 18 and 21 in each of those years.