

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 220 of the 130th G.A. **Date**: March 24, 2014

Status: As Introduced Sponsor: Rep. Hood

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: To modify the scope of practice of a physical therapist

State Fiscal Highlights

No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill modifies the activities that may be performed by physical therapists as described in physical therapist licensing law. The bill allows physical therapists to diagnose a physical impairment or disability as well as determine a prognosis and a therapeutic intervention plan. The bill also allows a physical therapist, if adequately trained, to order appropriate tests, including diagnostic imaging and studies. The bill specifies that the tests are to be performed and interpreted by other licensed health care professionals.

Physical therapists are licensed by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. The Board does not expect the bill to result in any changes to Board revenue, expenditures, or administrative costs.

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