



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Am. H.B. 301 of the 130th G.A.

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Status: As Reported by House Health and Aging

Sponsor: Reps. Pelanda and Bishoff

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: To authorize an individual to administer certain drugs pursuant to delegation by an advanced practice registered nurse who holds a certificate to prescribe

State Fiscal Highlights

- Minimal increase in costs for the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.
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Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) to delegate to a person not otherwise authorized to administer drugs the authority to administer a drug to a specified patient if certain conditions are met. The APRN must be a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner and hold a certificate to prescribe issued by the Ohio Board of Nursing. The bill requires the Board to establish standards and procedures for delegation of the authority to administer drugs.

Under current law, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses may delegate the authority to administer drugs in limited circumstances. These include: (1) delegating to medication aides employed in nursing homes or residential care facilities the authority to administer prescription drugs to residents and (2) delegating to personnel providing certain services to individuals with developmental disabilities the authority to administer oral and topical medications and insulin in specified locations.

The bill would likely result in a minimal increase in costs to the Ohio Board of Nursing. Additional costs could result from handling increases in complaints, conducting investigations, and taking disciplinary action. There would also be costs for the Board to adopt rules and to establish standards and procedures, as directed under the bill. Any increase in costs will be absorbed within the Board's existing resources.