



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [H.B. 485 of the 130th G.A.](#)

**Date:** March 24, 2014

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Smith and Johnson

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** To establish the Office of Human Services Innovation in the Department of Job and Family Services

### State Fiscal Highlights

- As a result of the creation of the Office of Human Services Innovation, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) could realize an increase in administrative expenses. However, ODJFS maintains that existing staff and resources will be used to fund the Office. Additionally, other executive branch entities could realize an increase in administrative expenses if called upon to provide information and/or resources.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill establishes the Office of Human Services Innovation in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). The bill requires the ODJFS Director to establish the Office's organizational structure and permits the Director to reassign staff and resources as necessary to support the Office's activities. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Director of the Office of Workforce Transformation, and Director of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation are required to assist the ODJFS Director with leadership and organizational support for the Office. The bill requires the Office to submit to the Governor, not later than January 1, 2015, recommendations for the following: (1) coordinating services across all public assistance programs to help individuals find employment, succeed at work, and stay out of poverty; revise incentives for public assistance programs to foster person-centered case management; standardizing and automating eligibility determination policies and processes for public assistance programs; and other matters deemed appropriate.

In its development of recommendations, the Office is required to have as its goal the coordination and reform of state programs to assist Ohioans in preparing for life and the dignity of work and to promote individual responsibility and work opportunity. Additionally, not later than three months after the bill's effective date, the Office is to establish clear principles to guide the development of the recommendations, clearly identify problems to be addressed in the recommendation, and make an inventory of all existing and other resources that the Office considers relevant to the development of the recommendations. The bill also requires the Office to convene and coordinate the directors and staff of the departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions of the executive branch as necessary. These entities are required to comply with all requests and directives. The Office must also convene other interested individuals.

### Fiscal impact

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If recommendations are implemented, there could be indirect fiscal impacts to state and local government entities.