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# **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

Bill:	S.B. 144 of the 130th G.A.	Date:	October 7, 2013
Status:	As Introduced	Sponsor:	Sen. Seitz

#### Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Law changes

## **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 primarily addresses various court rulings that have been issued in recent years concerning Ohio's Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Law, including changes enacted by Am. Sub. S.B. 10 of the 127th General Assembly. That act largely conformed state law to requirements of the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. Since various courts, including the Ohio Supreme Court, have struck down certain provisions of S.B. 10, Ohio is essentially operating two types of sex offender registration and notification programs. This bill clarifies the parameters governing the dual systems.

Since the bill seeks to establish more of a "status quo," effectively codifying what is, in theory, current practice due to various court rulings, there is not expected to be any fiscal effect for the state or any of its political subdivisions. In fact, it may make administration of the SORN Law easier and more efficient for Ohio's counties, in particular sheriffs and prosecutors.

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