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**S.B. 53**  
**135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Passed by the Senate

**Primary Sponsors:** Sens. Reynolds and Roegner

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It lowers the minimum age authorized for a newly appointed police officer from 21 to 18 years. As a result, there may be an increase in the number of eligible individuals seeking to become a police officer.

In July 2022, the Ohio Attorney General reported 951 law enforcement agencies in operation, employing 24,943 full-time officers. Of the total number of agencies, 638 were municipal police departments and 97 were township police departments, employing 15,114 and 1,285 full-time officers, respectively.