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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill's civil immunity provisions regarding concealed handgun licensees in specified circumstances may have a minimal annual savings effect on local trial courts. Certain tort actions may not be filed, or if filed, disposed of more quickly than under current law.

Detailed Analysis

The Concealed Handgun Law currently grants civil immunity to certain persons or entities (private employers, political subdivisions, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit corporations) for injury, death, or loss related to a handgun licensee bringing a handgun to the person's or entity's premises under specified circumstances. The bill:

- Extends this civil immunity to a for-profit corporation that leases its property to a nonprofit corporation or permits its property to be used by a nonprofit corporation for any purpose; and
- Grants generally civil immunity to a person for certain injuries allegedly caused by the person acting in self-defense or defense of another during the commission, or imminent commission, of an offense of violence to protect the members or guests of a nonprofit corporation under certain circumstances.

To the degree that the bill's civil immunity provisions have an effect, it would be on the operations of local trial courts (common pleas, municipal, and county courts). The bill may reduce the likelihood that a civil action is filed, or expedite its resolution subsequent to the finding of the court that the conduct of a person or entity provides immunity from civil liability. Although not readily quantifiable, any resulting expenditures savings for local trial courts will be minimal annually. It is likely that the bill's provisions will affect few civil cases, as the applicable circumstances are expected to be relatively infrequent.