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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The municipal corporation, county, or township responsible for each road in a school adjacent zone would incur the labor and supplies costs to install signs with the altered speed limit.
- The school administrator, county engineer, or other engineer responsible for roads within a jurisdiction could incur a small cost to consult on the proposed school adjacent zone as required under the bill.
- The Department of Transportation will incur a small administrative cost to approve or deny requests for creating school adjacent zones.

Detailed Analysis

The bill enables the legislative authority of a municipal corporation, county, or township to propose, by resolution, to establish a “school adjacent zone” on any street or highway located within a half mile of a school. If a municipal corporation, county, or township establishes a school adjacent zone, the entity responsible for each road within that area would incur the labor and supplies costs to install signs indicating the applicable speed limit. In order to establish the school adjacent zones permitted by the bill, the legislative authority of the political subdivision must consult the school administrator (the school can be public or private) and either the county engineer or other engineer responsible for the roads in the area, as appropriate. All of these entities would incur a small cost for reviewing the proposal. Additionally, the Department of Transportation will incur a small administrative cost for approving or denying the resolution to establish a school adjacent zone. The state contains approximately 4,936 schools eligible to establish a school adjacent zone. As of March 3, 2022, approximately 950 school zone extensions are established in Ohio.

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