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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Local Government and Elections

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Ghanbari

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

Land conveyance

- As a result of the Department of Administrative Services selling land overseen by the Department of Public Safety, \$1.00 would be deposited to the credit of the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0).

County prosecutor contracts

- The bill permits metropolitan planning organizations, regional transportation planning organizations, or regional councils of governments to obtain legal services from county prosecuting attorneys. Presumably, these groups would elect to do this when they could obtain legal services at a lower cost than their current provider.
- Costs incurred by county prosecutors for providing legal services could be offset by agreed upon legal fees paid by the contracting entities.

Detailed Analysis

Land conveyance

The bill authorizes the Governor to execute a deed conveying approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of state property overseen by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and improved with an approximately 2,300 square foot building at 10391 Airport Highway in Swanton (Lucas County) to the Lucas County Commissioners. Under the bill, the sale would be conducted by the Director of Administrative Services. Consideration for the conveyance is \$1.00 which would be deposited to the credit of the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0). The bill allows the Director of DAS to sell the property using an alternative method if the Commissioners do not complete the sale in a timely manner and allows the Director to include deed restrictions that

(1) require the buyer, prior to any subsequent transfer of property, to offer it to the state at the same price for which the buyer purchased it, and (2) prohibit the buyer from leasing the property or any portion of it for purposes other than a proper public purpose.

County prosecutor contracts

The bill also permits metropolitan planning organizations, regional transportation planning organizations, and regional councils of governments to contract with a county prosecuting attorney for legal services. The bill could lower legal services costs for a metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning organization, or regional councils of governments where county prosecuting attorneys are able to provide legal advice and representation at a lower cost than current contracts. While county prosecutors could incur new costs to provide legal services to these entities, those costs would be offset by agreed upon legal fees to be paid by the contracting entities. The bill specifies that any fees collected by prosecuting attorneys are to be deposited into the county's prosecuting attorney's legal services fund.