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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill establishes requirements related to “virtual net metering.” Net metering is a billing arrangement where customers who produce their own electricity can receive a credit on their electric utility bills for any extra electricity produced by the customer that flows back onto the electric utility’s distribution system. The term “net metering” is defined in R.C. 4928.01 and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has adopted rules on the topic. The principal distinction between a net metering system and a virtual net metering system is that the former must be located on the customer’s premises whereas the latter has no such requirement. However, the bill does specify guidelines about where a virtual net metering system can be located. Please refer to the bill analysis for additional details about virtual net metering provisions.

The bill requires PUCO to adopt rules to administer virtual net metering and meter aggregation, “including rules relating to additional control and testing requirements for virtual net metering systems that PUCO determines are necessary to protect public and worker safety and system reliability.” The bill may increase PUCO’s administrative costs to regulate virtual net metering systems, including contract or tariff and measurement of net electricity supplied or generated for virtual net metering customers.

The bill has no direct fiscal effect to local governments.