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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In Senate Finance

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Schuring and Sykes

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill allows for the creation of airport development districts to fund certain operating costs and improvements at airports with commercial passenger service. Under the criteria in the bill, such districts could be created for five airports across the state, listed in the detailed analysis below.

Detailed Analysis

The bill allows qualifying airport operating entities to create an airport development district (ADD) as a way to generate revenue for infrastructure improvements and other expenditures meant to attract airlines or increase the volume of scheduled flights. One of the different sets of criteria (see LSC bill analysis) in the bill pertaining to population or airport operation must be met in order to create an ADD. The criteria set forth in the bill would appear to qualify the following airports for which an ADD may be created: (1) the Akron-Canton Airport, (2) the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport, (3) the Dayton International Airport, (4) the Lunken Municipal Airport of Cincinnati, and (5) the Akron-Fulton International Airport.

Revenues for ADD projects would be generated through development charges assessed on real property located within the district. The amount of the development charge would be set in accordance with a development plan for the ADD approved by the owners of at least 60% of the property in the district. The board of directors of an ADD may spend this revenue only for the specific costs set forth in the bill, including costs of creating and operating the district, planning and designing costs, and other infrastructure costs. The bill also specifies that any ADD created under the bill is subject to the same competitive bidding thresholds and prevailing wage rules and procedures as the entity that created the ADD.

Finally, the Development Services Agency might incur some small cost for reviewing a petition and other documentation to create an ADD as required under the bill. No eligible entity may start the process of creating an ADD after December 31, 2023.