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Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

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S.B. 259 of the 133rd General Assembly

House State and Local Government

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Tax increment financing (TIF) service payments

Removes a provision of the Senate-passed bill that specified that TIF service payment agreements are enforceable against subsequent property owners. A similar provision was added to S.B. 95 of the 133rd General Assembly.

Akron land conveyance

Removes a provision of the Senate-passed bill that authorized the Governor to convey two parcels of land, owned by the University of Akron, to the city of Akron. These transfers were authorized by H.B. 481 of the 133rd General Assembly.

Resolution of property tax complaints

Extends the deadline, from 90 days to 180 days, within which county boards of revision must resolve property tax complaints and delays the start of that period from the day the complaint is filed to the last day a complaint may be filed for that tax year.

Airport development districts (ADDs)

Authorizes certain municipal corporations, port authorities, and regional airport authorities to create an airport development district (ADD) before 2024 to generate revenue for airport infrastructure improvements and other expenditures meant to attract or retain airlines, increase scheduled flights, or increase use of the airport by aircraft having more passenger capacity or first-class seating.

Requires that the resolution creating the district include a development plan that describes the improvements and expenditures that will be undertaken and provides for creation of the nonprofit corporation that will govern the district. Requires expenditures of that nonprofit corporation to be approved by the regional airport authority, port authority, or municipal corporation that created the district.

Prescribes procedures for organizing the nonprofit corporation, filing the articles of incorporation, appointing its board of directors, amending the articles of incorporation or the development plan, and dissolving the district.

Allows the board of directors of the district to negotiate voluntary development charge agreements with owners of real property and businesses located in the district. Specifies that a development charge against real property is collected in the same manner as property taxes and is a covenant running with the land enforceable against current and future owners of the property.

Specifies that a development charge against a business is collected in the manner prescribed by the agreement. Requires that a development charge be imposed for ten or more years or for a continuing period of time.

Federal energy-efficient building deduction

Requires a public entity to allocate the federal income tax deduction for the design and installation of energy-efficient commercial building fixtures to the designer of a public building upon request and prescribes a procedure for resolving those allocation requests.

Prohibits the entity or its agents or employees from seeking, soliciting, or accepting fees, payments, or other consideration for allocating the deduction.

Special assessment procedures

Allows a municipal corporation to publish notice for certain special assessments on the municipal corporation's website and increases from \$250 to \$500 the estimated cost of certain special assessments for which a municipal corporation must provide notice directly to affected property owners.

Drinking fountain and water bottle fill station requirements

Prescribes minimum drinking fountain and water bottle filling station requirements for new state-assisted classroom facility construction projects, and requires public schools to ensure that each drinking fountain and water bottle filling station installed as part of a project is regularly cleaned and maintained.

Safety standards for battery-charged fences

Creates safety standards for battery-charged fences in a nonresidential zone. Authorizes a political subdivision to do any of the following:

- Regulate battery-charged fences in nonresidential properties.
- Require a permit or fee for a battery-charged fence pursuant to a permit or fee for an alarm system.
- Prohibit the installation or use of a battery-charged fence in a nonresidential zone that does not meet the prescribed safety standards.

Kent State land conveyance

Authorizes the Governor to convey approximately 63 acres of land in Trumbull County owned by Kent State University.

Waiver of post-secondary tuition and fees

Extends Ohio residency status to qualify for a waiver of post-secondary tuition and fees for the child of a public service officer or a U.S. armed services member killed in the line of duty, and the surviving spouse or qualified former spouse of a public service officer, if the child or spouse was an Ohio resident when the public service officer or service member was killed.

Qualifies a surviving child, spouse, or qualified former spouse for a waiver of post-secondary tuition and fees for a certificate program.

Entitles provisions of the bill regarding residency determination for a waiver of tuition and fees as the "Anthony Dia Act."