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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Lampton

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### SUMMARY

- Expands political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Political subdivision joint purchasing authority

Currently, a political subdivision may permit another political subdivision to participate in a contract that it entered for the acquisition of equipment, material, supplies, or services. The bill specifies that “services” includes, but is not limited to, construction services.

Acquisitions by a political subdivision participating in a contract entered into by another political subdivision are exempt from any competitive selection requirements in continuing law, provided the political subdivision that originally awarded the contract did so after publicly soliciting requests for a proposal or used a competitive selection procedure.<sup>1</sup>

In a 2019 opinion, the Ohio Attorney General concluded that current law does not authorize a political subdivision to acquire construction services through a joint contract with another political subdivision.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 9.48.

<sup>2</sup> Ohio Attorney General, Opinion No. 2019-028, p. 4, available [here](#) (internal citations omitted).

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	04-27-21

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