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(As Reported by S. Highways & Transportation)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Includes in the capital improvement projects eligible for assistance under the Aid to Local Government Improvements Law (the State Issue 2 Law) "appurtenances" to roads and bridges to enhance the safety of animal-drawn vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles.
- Specifies certain activities associated with these appurtenances that are specifically eligible for assistance.
- Eliminates "flood control systems" as a category of capital improvement eligible for State Issue 2 assistance.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Chapter 164. of the Revised Code contains the Aid to Local Government Improvements Law (also known as the State Issue 2 Law). Through the Ohio Public Works Commission, this law provides aid to local governments to assist them in planning, constructing, equipping, and improving the capital improvements that form their infrastructures.

For purposes of that law, the "capital improvement" projects eligible for assistance include roads and bridges, waste water treatment systems, water supply

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*\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

systems, solid waste disposal facilities, flood control systems, and storm water and sanitary collection, storage, and treatment facilities. By definition, the project may include real property, interests in real property, facilities, and equipment related or incidental to any those projects. (R.C. 164.01(A).) The bill eliminates "flood control systems" and includes "appurtenances to roads and bridges to enhance the safety of animal-drawn vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles" as capital improvements eligible for State Issue 2 assistance.

The bill specifically provides that in adding the coverage of these "appurtenances," the following activities are included as eligible for assistance:

- (1) Constructing or widening shoulders, including widening of bridges and culverts and purchase of rights-of-way;
- (2) Constructing pull-off lanes for roadways with visibility issues;
- (3) Improving vertical and horizontal curvature of roadways;
- (4) Placement of warning signs for animal-drawn vehicle traffic, including automated flashing signs. (R.C. 164.16.)

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## HISTORY

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