



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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The Senate Committee on Civil Justice adopted substantive amendments to do all of the following:

Create the Ohio Privacy/Public Record Access Study Committee.

Modify the law governing the payment of state expenses by a financial transaction device by expanding the definition of "financial transaction device" to include an automated clearinghouse network credit, debit, or e-check entry, changing the name of the "financial transaction device program" to the "financial transaction device acceptance and processing program," and requiring the Board of Deposit when it establishes a surcharge or convenience fee to follow the guidelines of the financial institution, issuer of financial transaction devices, or processor of financial transaction devices with which the Board of Deposit contracts.

Allow a county or township to participate in contract offerings from the federal government that are available to a county or township, pursuant to which acquisitions are exempt from competitive selection requirements, and allow a county or township to purchase supplies and services outside of a joint purchasing program and without complying with competitive selection procedures if the purchase can be made at a lower price than is available through such a contract.

Delay the effective date of the sales and use tax's new destination-based sourcing law until July 1, 2005, authorize vendors to begin sourcing sales under this new law on and after January 1, 2005, and delay until July 1, 2005, the operation of a law that requires sellers to determine sourcing under the new destination-based sourcing law.

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* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.