



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Pilot joint county department of job and family services

Permits the boards of county commissioners of Hocking, Ross, and Vinton counties to enter into a written agreement to form, as a pilot project, a joint county department of job and family services.

Requires the joint county department to perform the duties, provide the services, and operate the programs required under all laws that pertain to a single county department of job and family services.

Changes for New Community Authorities

Extends by three years the authority of newly created New Community Authorities (currently set to expire December 31, 2011) relating to their levy of development charges, their development activities, and their creation and governance

State and county investment authority

Permits the Treasurer of State to invest state interim funds in obligations of political subdivisions, if the obligations mature within one year of issuance.

Permits a county to invest inactive moneys and public-library money in obligations of a political subdivision *not* located within the same county as the investing authority, and increases, from five to ten years, the time in which an investment of inactive moneys or the public-library money must generally mature.

Permits an investment of up to 25% of a county's total average portfolio of investments of inactive moneys and public-library money to mature after ten years upon majority approval from the county investment advisory committee.

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

Changes affecting county auditors

Prohibits boards of county commissioners from adopting quarterly spending plans to limit spending from county Real Estate Assessment Funds, which funds cover a county's real property tax administration expenses and defray certain costs of county auditors.

Prohibits county centralized services regarding purchases using moneys from county Real Estate Assessment Funds.

County elected officers

Requires the written consent of a county elected officer for (1) the officer to be required to perform a duty under a shared-services agreement, and (2) a political subdivision to enter into a shared-services agreement for the performance of a duty of the officer.

Electronic systems

Permits a county contracting authority to give notice of a request for proposals and to receive proposals through a uniform, interactive, and secure electronic system, and requires that competitive sealed bids be submitted to the authority in the manner mentioned in a published notice rather than in a sealed envelope.

Permits a county board of revision to authorize a policy for the electronic filing of tax valuation or assessment complaints and applications, subject to the approval of the Tax Commissioner.