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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state, and as described below, a potentially minimal annual fiscal effect on the Cleveland Municipal Court and the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

The bill grants the housing division of the Cleveland Municipal Court concurrent jurisdiction with the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas in all criminal actions or proceedings related to the pollution of the air, ground, or water within the territory of the Cleveland Municipal Court, for which a sentence of death cannot be imposed.

The likely result is that some cases that would otherwise have been adjudicated by the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas will instead be adjudicated by the Cleveland Municipal Court. The number of cases shifting jurisdictions is expected to be relatively small in the context of those courts' caseloads. The Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas will realize some expenditure savings effect and a corresponding loss in revenues (court costs, fees, and fines) that might otherwise have been collected. The Cleveland Municipal Court is expected to accommodate the increase in cases utilizing existing staff and appropriated resources, and may gain some revenue in the form of court costs, fees, and fines.