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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. T. Mathews and T. Hall

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill makes administrative and technical changes related to the Treasurer of State and public fund management, with a minimal fiscal impact on state and local governments.

Detailed Analysis

The bill makes numerous technical and administrative updates to laws governing the Treasurer of State (TOS), public fund investments, and certain tax-related processes. It clarifies the TOS's authority over custodial funds, allowing those funds to be placed with other qualified custodians, and confirms that money invested on behalf of pension systems is not considered public money for purposes of state depository rules. The bill also updates requirements for public depositories, investment collateral, and the use of financial transaction devices for government payments. Additionally, the bill modifies the administration of various state trust funds and fees, authorizes the TOS to charge an annual education fee to local treasurers, and makes several tax administration charges. These include shifting collection responsibilities for unpaid insurance premium taxes from the Department of Insurance to the TOS and Attorney General, allowing cancellation of small tax debts, and requiring electronic payments. For detailed provisions, please refer to the [LSC bill analysis \(PDF\)](#).

The bill is expected to have minimal fiscal impact. It authorizes the TOS to charge local treasurers an annual education and training fee, which may generate a modest amount of revenue to offset related administrative costs. Additionally, the bill permits the TOS to cancel unpaid or underpaid domestic insurance premium tax debts under \$50, which may result in a marginal decrease in state revenue.