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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill could result in minimal administrative costs for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), regional councils of governments, and the Governor's Office to comply with changes to MPO governance, policy standards, and county redesignation procedures.

Detailed Analysis

The bill could result in minimal administrative costs for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and regional councils of governments to update governing documents and internal processes. The bill prohibits an MPO governing body from including a majority of voting members from a single county, prohibits an MPO chief executive officer from holding employment outside Ohio, and prohibits an MPO from adopting policies or standards that are more stringent than corresponding state or federal requirements. Compliance with these provisions may require small adjustments to bylaws, board membership arrangements, or internal policy documents. These tasks fall within routine administrative work and should be absorbable within existing resources.

The bill also establishes a process under which certain counties may request redesignation into a different adjoining MPO based on workforce commuting patterns. A board of county commissioners may incur minimal costs to adopt and submit a resolution requesting redesignation. The Governor's Office may likewise incur minimal administrative costs to review a request, determine whether redesignation should occur, and take any necessary action. MPOs could see some slight increase in administrative workload to incorporate a redesignated county into planning documents and governance structures. Redesignation requests are expected to be infrequent, and any associated workload is likely to be small. Seventeen MPOs are currently in operation across the state. Note that portions of five active MPOs in Ohio include territory in neighboring states. The territories of all 17 active MPOs are shown in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Metropolitan Planning Organizations

