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Version: As Passed by the Senate

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Roegner

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal impact on the state or political subdivisions. The bill authorizes a board of county commissioners, on its own behalf, to award a franchise for the operation of a public transit system. The board must notify the county transit board of this award at least 30 days before the vote of the award. The bill also clarifies that all current reporting requirements pertaining to such franchises are applicable regardless of which entity makes the franchise award. Currently, a board of county commissioners may award such a franchise on behalf of a county transit board. A board of county commissioners is responsible for the creation of a county transit board and for appointing members to that board. Therefore, it appears the bill would expedite the ability of a board of county commissioners to award a public transit franchise if that county currently does not have a county transit board. According to the Ohio Public Transit Association, there are currently 63 public transit agencies operating in Ohio.