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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In Senate Finance

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Schuring and Sykes

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill allows for the creation of airport development districts to fund certain operating costs and improvements at airports with commercial passenger service. Under the criteria in the bill, such districts could be created for the Akron-Canton Airport, the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport, and Dayton International Airport.

Detailed Analysis

The bill allows qualifying airport operating entities to create an airport development district (ADD) as a way to generate revenue for infrastructure improvements and other expenditures meant to attract airlines or increase the volume of scheduled flights. One of three different sets of criteria must be met. The first is that an airport be owned, operated, or maintained by a regional airport authority and is located in two counties, one of which has a population between 500,000 and 800,000. This would qualify the Akron-Canton Airport. Secondly, the bill extends the authority to create an ADD to a port authority created by two counties, each of which having a population between 200,000 and 250,000. This would include the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. Finally, the bill extends the authority to the most populous municipal corporation in a county having a population between 500,000 and 540,000, provided the airport is located in two counties. This would allow for the creation of an ADD benefitting the Dayton International Airport.

Revenues for ADD projects would be generated through development charges assessed on real property located within the district. The amount of the development charge would be set in accordance with a development plan for the ADD approved by the owners of at least 60% of the property in the district. The board of directors of an ADD may spend this revenue only for the specific costs set forth in the bill, including costs of creating and operating the district, planning and designing costs, and other infrastructure costs. The bill also specifies that any ADD

created under the bill is subject to the same competitive bidding thresholds and prevailing wage rules and procedures as the entity that created the ADD.

Finally, the Development Services Agency might incur some small cost for reviewing a petition and other documentation to create an ADD as required under the bill. No eligible entity may start the process of creating an ADD after December 31, 2023.