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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Civil Justice

Primary Sponsors: Rep. Ghanbari

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- A metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning organization, or a regional council of governments could obtain legal services at a lower cost from county prosecuting attorneys.
- Costs incurred by county prosecutors for providing legal services could be offset by agreed upon legal fees to be paid by the contracting entities.

Detailed Analysis

The bill could lower legal services costs for a metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning organization, or regional councils of governments where county prosecuting attorneys are able to provide legal advice and representation at a lower cost than current contracts. While county prosecutors could incur new costs to provide legal services to these entities, those costs would be offset by agreed upon legal fees to be paid by the contracting entities. The bill permits metropolitan planning organizations, regional transportation planning organizations, and regional councils of governments to contract with a county prosecuting attorney for legal services. The bill also specifies that any fees collected by prosecuting attorneys are deposited into the county's prosecuting attorney's legal services fund.