



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 543 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Reps. Hambley and Perales

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Allows contracts for legal services between a county prosecuting attorney and a regional airport authority, a port authority, or a regional planning commission

The bill allows a regional airport authority, port authority, or regional planning commission to contract with a county prosecuting attorney to serve as its legal adviser. Costs for some regional airport authorities, port authorities, or regional planning commissions would likely be affected only minimally, as these entities presumably already incur costs for legal services via contracts with private law firms or in the form of payroll to maintain an attorney on staff. However, there could be a potential for savings in certain situations where county prosecuting attorneys are able to provide legal advice and representation at lower cost than a private law firm. While county prosecutors could incur new costs to provide legal services to these entities, those would be offset by the agreed-upon legal fees, which are to be deposited into the prosecuting attorney's legal services fund.