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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7682**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1902**

**DATE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2001**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Regional transportation authorities.

**FISCAL ANALYST:** James Sperlik

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill revises the membership of a regional transportation authority in Lake County. It provides that the fiscal body of the county or municipality that established the authority may review and modify a regional transportation authority's budget. The bill provides that the amount of a region transportation authority's organization expense that is paid by an establishing county or municipality is limited to the amount of authority expenses set by the establishing county's or municipality's fiscal body.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill adds two members to the Lake County Regional Transportation Authority. The members of the board are not entitled to a salary, but are entitled to an allowance for actual expenses and mileage at the same rate as other county officials. The Authority has not spent any money since its inception in 1999 for mileage or incurred any other expense. The Lake County Council authorized \$150,000 for the Authority for an 18 month period, beginning in July, 1999. However, these funds have been used by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) for matching grant purposes. If the members of the Authority claim reimbursement for actual expenses and/or mileage, the addition of two board members will increase the related expenses.

The second part of the bill provides that the amount of the Authority's expenditures are limited to an amount set by the establishing county fiscal body, in this the Lake County Council.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Lake County Council; Lake County Regional Transportation Authority.

**Information Sources:** Dennis Rittenmeir, President Calumet College of St. Joseph and a member of the Lake County Regional Transportation Authority, 219-473-7770, ext. 330.