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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6978

BILL NUMBER: HB 1261

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 28, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 24, 2005

SUBJECT: Regional Transportation Authority Members.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ayres

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill adds the following members to the Lake County Regional Transportation Authority (LCRTA): (1) the mayor of Valparaiso or the mayor's designee; (2) the mayor of Portage or the mayor's designee; (3) a member of the Porter County board of commissioners or the member's designee; and (4) provides that the members appointed from Porter County may not vote on the distribution or payment of money by the authority unless Porter County pays a share of the authority's budget.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) To the extent that current members of the LCRTA receive compensation for their services, this proposal will increase expenditures to the LCRTA.

Requiring Porter County to pay a share of the LCRTA budget before the county may vote on the distribution or payment of money by the LCRTA will have an indeterminable fiscal impact.

Background Information: For CY 2002, the LCRTA reported no financial transactions, according to the State Board of Accounts (BOA). For CY 2003, the LCRTA received \$50,000, consisting of \$25,000 from Lake County and \$25,000 from the cities of Gary, Hammond, and East Chicago. As of March 2004, the LCRTA reported expenditures of \$33,800 and a cash balance of \$16,200. However, expenditure data was not sufficiently detailed to reflect any expenditures for current members of the LCRTA. The BOA reports a budget

\$148,000 for the LCRTA for CY 2004.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

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

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