



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 349

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House Bill 349 as reported by the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism would allow counties and municipalities to authorize the incorporation of an innovation district as a public corporation and would allow these districts to acquire and improve property; charge and collect fees, licenses, and rates; to grant or lend funds, including certain tax proceeds; to assume or issue certain financial obligations; to pledge certain tax proceeds for financial obligations of the district; to provide for the financial obligations of these districts; to accept funds from certain entities; to employ and set the compensation of employees; and to invest funds of the district.

This bill would also allow the state or local governments to provide funds or property to these districts and incur financial obligations for such districts.

This bill would also exempt each district from state competitive bid law and from all taxation, which would decrease receipts to various entities and funds by an undetermined amount, including the State General Fund, Education Trust Fund, county, and municipal funds.