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House Bill 5843 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Philip LaJoy
House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 33 of 1951 (which allows townships, villages, and cities with a population under 15,000 to contract for police and fire protection) to authorize a township board to enter into one or more agreements or contracts to furnish police or fire protection to a city, village, or other township.

Currently, the Act allows a township board, or the boards of adjoining townships acting jointly, to contract with the legislative body of a village that does not maintain a police or fire department to furnish police or fire protection to the village. A township board or boards also may contract with the township board or legislative body of a township, city, or village that maintains a police or fire department for the service of the department or the care, maintenance, and operation of police or fire vehicles, equipment, and apparatus. In addition, a township board, or the boards of adjoining townships acting jointly that have organized and are maintaining a police or fire department, may contract with townships, villages, or cities that also maintain a police or fire department, or with any other person, organization, or group, to provide police or fire apparatus, equipment, or personnel, or police or fire protection.

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Legislative Analyst: J.P. Finet

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no effect on State revenue. The bill would increase local unit revenue by an unknown amount, depending upon the number of townships that would contract out their services and the rates charged. Depending upon the local unit, the bill also could reduce local unit expenditures if a local unit were able to contract with a township to provide services at a lower cost than the local unit otherwise would incur to provide the services.

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