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Senate Bill 775 (as introduced 9-12-07)
Sponsor: Senator Michael Switalski
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CONTENT

Public Acts 356 and 357 of 2004 provided a replacement for revenue sharing payments to counties by requiring counties to create a reserve fund and allowing counties to make withdrawals from the fund. Revenue in the reserve funds was obtained through an acceleration in the collection date for property taxes levied for county operating purposes. Each individual county maintains its own reserve fund and statute provides authorization regarding withdrawals from the fund.

Senate Bill 775 would amend the General Property Tax Act in order to prevent the loss of revenue to counties resulting from the passage of Senate Bill (S.B.) 774, although the bills are not tie-barred. Senate Bill 774 would authorize the State in 2008 to redirect money in the Convention Facility Development Fund from its historical use of distribution to counties. A portion of the distribution must be spent on substance abuse treatment programs.

For 2008 only, S.B. 775 would authorize a county to spend from the reserve fund an amount equal to what it would have received from the Convention Facility Development Fund, subject to the same terms and conditions as if the money were being distributed under the Convention Facility Development Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT

By itself, the bill would have no impact on State revenue or expenditures. The bill would have no effect on local unit revenue or expenditures assuming that S.B. 774 was enacted. If S.B. 774 were not enacted, counties still would receive the distribution from the Convention Facility Development Fund but also would be authorized to make the withdrawals from the revenue sharing reserve funds. As a result, if S.B. 775 were not enacted, S.B. 775 would increase local unit revenue by approximately \$35.0 million.

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