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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will not have any expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds of the Jobs-Economic Development Authority (JEDA) as any expenses associated with providing public notice of hearings on bond issuances on their website and holding public hearings can be managed within current appropriations or allocations.

This bill will provide some savings to the counties and municipalities from transferring the public notice and public meeting requirements to JEDA. The amount of savings is undetermined as we are unable to estimate the number bond issuances in future years.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on March 6, 2019 State Expenditure

This bill amends Section 41-43-100 regarding the issuance and refunding of bonds by JEDA to conform to recent finalized regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury that modify the requirements for public notice, public hearings, and approval of private activity bonds. These regulations are required as part of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982. These regulations generally require that the public have a minimum of seven days' notice of any hearing on the issuance of bonds. In addition, notice may now be posted on the approving governmental entity's website and other notice methods allowed under State law.

Jobs-Economic Development Authority. JEDA indicates that, under the new regulations, they will provide public notice of hearings on bond issuances on their website. JEDA will also hold the public hearings as allowed by federal law. The agency indicates that any expenses associated with these activities can be managed within current appropriations or allocations. Therefore, this bill will not have any expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds of the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill allows JEDA to perform the activities required by federal law for public notice and hearings on the issuance of private activity bonds. This will provide some savings to the counties and municipalities from transferring the public notice and public meeting requirements

to JEDA. The amount of savings is undetermined as we are unable to estimate the number bond issuances in future years.

Local Revenue

N/A

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