MEASURE

2021 BR NUMBER 1587

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 382

TITLE AN ACT relating to the regional development agency assistance fund.

SPONSOR Representative Richard Heath

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ☐ ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
☒ LOCAL MANDATE ☐ CORRECTIONS IMPACT ☐ HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED:

FUND(S) IMPACTED: ☐ GENERAL ☐ ROAD ☐ FEDERAL ☐ RESTRICTED

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PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of the measure is to specify the distribution formula for funds in the existing Regional Development Agency Assistance Fund, to prevent those funds from being used for operational expenses by recipient counties, and to eliminate duplicative reporting requirements related to expenditures from the fund.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The Regional Development Agency Assistance Fund (RDAAF) currently receives $6,000,000 per year from the General Fund via payments received by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Under this measure, the same funding would be distributed to the same fund-eligible counties, but the measure explicitly specifies that the amount must be evenly distributed amongst those counties. This may have an impact on the amount of funds received by each fund-eligible county, but impacts to local governments are beyond the scope of this analysis. Similarly, the measure would also prohibit recipient counties from using funds for operational costs, but any fiscal impact from that prohibition would be borne by the county.

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