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House Bill 4347 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Dale Zorn

House Committee: Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs

Senate Committee: Local Government and Elections

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 253 of 1917 (which governs the transfer of money from a county's general fund to its road fund) to eliminate a prohibition against a transfer involving money raised by general taxes levied on the real and personal property of the county.

Under the Act, if a county operating under the county road system has a surplus of money in its general fund, the county board of commissioners may direct that part of the surplus be transferred to the county road fund for the construction, maintenance, and repair of highways under the supervision and direction of the board of county road commissioners. The Act, however, prohibits such a diversion of money raised by general property taxes. The bill would delete this restriction.

MCL 247.121

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no effect on State revenue or expenditures but would potentially change the way local revenue and expenditures are distributed across different activities. The bill would not increase local unit revenue but would allow surplus revenue in the county general fund from general property taxes to be transferred to the county road fund. The actual amount of any surplus or transfer is unknown and would vary based on the budgeting decisions of affected counties.

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