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House Bill 4251 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Kevin Cotter
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Infrastructure Modernization

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 283 of 1909, which governs county roads and county road commissions, to allow a township to require a county road commission to contract for work to be done on a road project through competitive bidding.

Specifically, if a township contributed 50% or more to the cost of a road project, the township board, by resolution, could require the county road commission to use competitive bidding to contract for the work on that road project. A county road commission would not be precluded from submitting a competitive bid.

If a township board required a county road commission to contract through competitive bidding, the road commission would have to submit both the competitive bid process that would be used and the final contract for the road project to the township board for approval. Before submitting the final contract for the road project to the township board for approval, the road commission would have to submit to the township board a copy of the each of the competitive bids the road commission received for that project.

Proposed MCL 224.19c

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact at the State level, and would have an indeterminate impact on counties and townships. While township-mandated competitive bidding could result in savings on some road projects, it also could result in increased administrative costs.

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