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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Passed by the Senate

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Lang

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The bill may: (1) reduce the number of cases filed in municipal, county, and common pleas courts with subject matter jurisdiction over civil actions, (2) result in a faster disposition of such matters, or (3) result in the filing of civil actions sooner than otherwise may have been the case under current law. There is likely to be a net minimal annual fiscal effect on those local trial courts.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill shortens the period of limitations for actions upon a contract, makes changes to the borrowing statute pertaining to applicable periods of limitations, and establishes a statute of repose for a legal malpractice action.

To the extent that these statutes of limitations provisions create any fiscal effect, it would involve the volume of actions before the common pleas, municipal, and county courts with jurisdiction over civil actions. By reducing the period in which an action must be brought, it is possible that some cases may not be filed, or if filed disposed of more quickly, because the plaintiff(s) allowed the period of limitations to expire. Such outcomes create a savings effect on court operations, the magnitude of which is not readily measurable in terms of dollars and cents. It is also possible that the bill's changes will result in the filing of civil actions sooner than otherwise may have been the case under current law, thus shifting the timing of the court's related casework and operating costs. These possible outcomes will have a net minimal annual fiscal effect on local trial courts.