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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1243 (Carroll County Delegation)  
Commerce and Government Matters Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Carroll County - Disposition of Public Property**

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This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners in Carroll County to dispose of surplus supplies, equipment, or other personal property valued at less than \$100: (1) at a public auction; (2) at a public sale provided that the sale is advertised through a press release or public notice through the media; (3) by a transfer to a State, municipal, or county government agency; (4) by a transfer to a private nonprofit corporation that is authorized to receive appropriations from the county; (5) by deposit at the Swap Shop at the Northern Landfill; or (6) disposal in a solid waste disposal facility.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Carroll County finances would not be materially affected by having the authority to dispose of property valued at less than \$100 through a means other than a public sale.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County may sell surplus real and personal property at a public sale. If at a public sale of any surplus real or personal county property the commissioners determine that the highest bid fails to yield a reasonable price for that property, the commissioners may reject all bids on the property. If all bids are rejected, the commissioners: (1) must record the highest bid in their

minutes; and (2) may privately negotiate and sell the surplus property for a higher price provided that the settlement of the sale of property is within one year from the date of the public sale and the commissioners announce the making of a privately negotiated agreement at the first meeting following the agreement.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Carroll County advises that a minimal increase in revenues would occur if property valued at less than \$100 is sold at public auction. Any such increase is not expected to materially affect Carroll County finances.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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