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Support HB 1131

Carroll County – Public Facilities Bonds

House Appropriations Committee

What is this bill?

- This bill would give the Carroll County Commissioners the ability to issue up to \$48.45 million in general obligation bonds for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or renovation of public buildings, facilities, and public works projects.
- Commission counties do not have the legislative power to create debt, General Assembly authorization is required before any bonds can be sold.
 - Carroll County is one of six counties that still operate under the commission form of government.

Why is this bill necessary?

- This bill will give the Board of Commissioners the ability to fulfill the FY '22 Carroll County Bond Authorization requests
 - This would go to many important projects, including but not limited to:
 - Critical renovations to East Middle School
 - Agricultural Land Preservation Programs
 - Stormwater Facility Renovations
 - County building systemic renovations
 - Watershed assessment and improvement
 - Critical repairs and renovations to two bridges in the county
 - Etc.