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A BILL

To enact section 153.75 of the Revised Code to restrict when a public authority may preference a particular type of piping material for certain public improvements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 153.75 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 153.75. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Public authority" means the state, a county, municipal corporation, water or sewer district, school district, or other political subdivision, or any public agency, authority, board, commission, instrumentality, or special purpose district of the state or of a political subdivision.

(2) "Suitable piping material" means piping material to which both of the following apply:

(a) The material meets or exceeds the standards issued by the American society for testing and materials or the American water works association.
(b) The material meets the specifications of a project described in division (B) of this section.  

(B) A public authority shall not prefer one type of suitable piping material over another in constructing, developing, maintaining, rebuilding, improving, repairing, or operating a water, waste water, or storm water drainage project that is funded in whole or in part with state funds, unless sound engineering practices suggest that one type of suitable piping material is more appropriate for a particular project.