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HB16-1230

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Dore

Bill Status: House Local Government

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BILL TOPIC: TRANSPARENCY ONLINE PROJECT INCLUDE COUNTY INFO

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires counties to provide revenue and expenditure data to the state Chief Information Officer (CIO) no later than 30 days after the end of the fiscal year for inclusion in the State Transparency Online Project site (TOPS). Data must be segmented by agency and provided in an electronic format approved by the CIO so it can be added to TOPS. If a county fails to provide this data within 90 days of the deadline, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will consider this to be an adverse factor when making local government severance grant awards. The CIO is also required to archive past county revenue and expenditures data.

Background

TOPS is a free, searchable, web-based system that provides easy access to the state's expenditures and revenues. TOPS was created by an Executive Order of the Governor in April 2009 and codified by House Bill 09-1288.

State Expenditures

This bill increases workload in the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

Office of Information Technology. OIT workload is expected to increase as the department will need to provide guidance to counties on how to submit the required financial data.

Technical staff will also be needed to assist the counties with uploading financial data to TOPS once it's in an acceptable format. Staff time will also be needed to assess county compliance and provide information to DOLA for any non-compliant county. This increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Department of Local Affairs. Workload in DOLA is expected to increase to establish procedures to identify non-complaint counties and use this information when reviewing severance grant applications. This includes developing a process to exchange compliance information with OIT, modifying grant procedures, editing grant application and evaluation materials, and making changes to the grant review and award process. This increase in workload is expected to be minimal and can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

This bill increases county workload and may increase costs to provide revenue and expenditure data in the format required by the CIO. Counties will be required to create a process through which year-end data is compiled and transferred to the CIO. If county data is not in a format that is approved by the CIO additional county costs could be incurred to transform data into an appropriate format. County grant allocations could also be affected if they are determined to be non-compliant with the requirements of this bill.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Information Technology	Local Affairs	Personnel
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Research Note Available

An LCS Research Note for HB16-1230 is available online and through the iLegislate app. Research notes provide additional policy and background information about the bill and summarize action taken by the General Assembly concerning the bill.