



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4691

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Jeff Keicher

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 805/8.44 new

Creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. Provides that within one year after the effective date of the Act and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each unit of local government (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies, including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another governmental unit, municipality, or county; and create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation. Provides that the duties of the committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the unit of local government's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other units of local government and the State. Provides that the committee shall collect data, research, analysis, and public input. Dissolves the committee after completion of its report and oral presentation of the report. Contains provisions about committee membership, meetings, and report requirements. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and
6 Efficiency Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Governmental unit" includes all units of local government
9 except municipalities and counties.

10 "Community college" means a public community college in
11 this State.

12 "State university" means a public university in this State.

13 Section 10. Formation of committee; members; vacancy;
14 administrative support.

15 (a) Within one year after the effective date of this Act
16 and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each governmental
17 unit must form a committee to: study local efficiencies,
18 including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another
19 governmental unit, municipality, or county; and provide a
20 report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased
21 accountability, and consolidation.

22 (b) Each committee's membership shall include the elected

1 or appointed members of the governing board of the governmental
2 unit, at least 2 residents of the governmental unit appointed
3 by the county board chairperson or the president of the board
4 of county commissioners in the county in which the governmental
5 unit lies, any chief executive officer or officer of the
6 governmental unit, and at least one government studies
7 representative from a community college or State university
8 appointed by the county board chairperson or the president of
9 the board of county commissioners in the county in which the
10 governmental unit lies. The committee shall be chaired by the
11 president or chief elected or appointed official of the
12 governing board of the governmental unit, or his or her
13 designee. The chairperson may appoint additional members to the
14 committee as he or she deems appropriate.

15 Committee members shall serve without compensation but may
16 be reimbursed by the governmental unit for their expenses
17 incurred in performing their duties.

18 (c) A committee may employ or use the services of
19 specialists in public administration and governmental
20 management and any other trained consultants, analysts,
21 investigators, and assistants it considers appropriate.

22 (d) If a vacancy occurs in the committee membership, the
23 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the appointments
24 under subsection (b).

25 (e) The governmental unit shall provide administrative and
26 other support to the committee.

1 Section 15. Duties of a committee. The duties of a
2 committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the
3 governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules,
4 procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services,
5 intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with
6 other governmental units and the State. The committee shall
7 collect data, research, and analysis for its purposes and shall
8 allow public input through at least one public survey sent to
9 at least 10% of residents within the governmental unit.

10 Section 20. Meetings. Each committee shall meet at least 3
11 times. Each meetings of the committee shall be public and the
12 committee shall provide an opportunity for any person to be
13 heard at the public hearings for at least 3 minutes. The
14 committee may require speakers to register. The committee shall
15 meet in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the committee
16 shall be a public body to which the Freedom of Information Act
17 applies.

18 Section 25. Report and oral presentation. Each committee
19 shall summarize its work and findings within a report,
20 including recommendations in respect to consolidation,
21 increased accountability and efficiency, and shall provide
22 both an oral presentation and the written report to the county
23 board in which the governmental unit lies no later than 6

1 months after the formation of the committee. The report shall
2 be made available to the public.

3 Section 30. Dissolution of the committee. After a committee
4 has made the report available to the public and presented all
5 oral presentations required under Section 25, the committee is
6 dissolved until it is reestablished with newly appointed
7 members under Section 10.

8 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
9 Section 8.44 as follows:

10 (30 ILCS 805/8.44 new)

11 Sec. 8.44. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
12 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
13 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
14 the 101st General Assembly.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.