



H.B. 521

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration to develop recommendations on reforming and restructuring local government in Ohio.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill creates the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collaboration and requires the Commission to develop recommendations on reforming and restructuring local government in Ohio to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local government operations and to achieve cost savings for taxpayers. In developing the recommendations, the Commission must consider, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) The consolidation or elimination of local government offices to achieve efficiencies and cost savings for taxpayers;

(2) The consolidation of local government authorities authorized by the Constitution or laws of Ohio to levy a tax of any kind and of local government units, including schools and libraries, to reduce overhead and administrative expenses;

(3) The reduction, elimination, or reorganization of services or functions of local government to achieve cost savings for taxpayers; and

(4) The constitutional, statutory, and administrative changes necessary to reform and restructure local government to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local government operations and to achieve costs savings for taxpayers.

The Commission must issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor not

later than July 1, 2010. The Commission ceases to exist upon submitting its report.

The Commission consists of nine voting members. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House each must appoint three members, and the Governor must appoint three members. The initial appointments must be made not later than 60 days after the effective date of the bill. Vacancies are to be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Members are not entitled to compensation for their services.

The Governor must call an initial meeting of the Commission within 45 days after the initial appointments are complete. The Commission must elect two of its members to serve as co-chairpersons.

HISTORY

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