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Legislative Budget Office
Ohio Legislative Service Commission
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Columbus, OH 43215

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ohio Municipal League has reviewed the draft of the Local Impact Statement Report for Bills Enacted in 2022 and would like to make the following comments.

The report provides helpful information to organizations representing local governments, their respective members, and the public. This information would have otherwise been difficult to access or compile.

This document traditionally gives both lawmakers and administration leadership insight into how best to invest in our state's cities and villages and the impact of the actions taken by the Legislature – both intentionally and unintentionally.

A suggestion for future consideration: The usual determination of when a local impact statement is generated is when legislation is introduced. Since most legislation is amended as it progresses through the legislative process, OML would like it if consideration is given to generating a local impact statement if legislation is amended as it progresses through the legislative process and then becomes impactful on local governments.

Also, as state budget bills are not included in the Local Impact Statement Report, the league respectfully requests that the Legislature revise the policy requirements to include state budget bills in the report. This inclusion would comprehensively demonstrate the impact that state legislation has on local governments.

We look forward to continuing to strengthen the partnership between Ohio's municipalities and the state in order to ensure a safe and prosperous future for Ohio and its residents.

The Ohio Municipal League commends the staff of the Legislative Service Commission for the time and effort they put into this report.

Respectfully,

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