



The Ohio Township Association (OTA) would like to thank the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) for the opportunity to comment on the *2020 Local Impact Statement (LIS) Report*. The LIS Report is an important educational resource for our members and the members of the General Assembly, as it highlights the effect certain legislation passed the previous year may have on townships' budgets. It also keeps legislators and local officials aware of any unfunded mandates created in legislation.

The OTA appreciates the effort of LSC in producing this report each year and the effort to recognize local impacts of each piece of legislation through local impact statements. As noted by the report, none of the 24 bills enacted in 2019 have a fiscal impact on local governments and, therefore, this report does not contain local impact statements.

Additionally, state budget bills are exempt from local impact statement requirements and excluded from the report. The OTA encourages the General Assembly to revisit this policy and include budget bills in the LIS requirement to provide a more comprehensive look at how legislation affects local governments in the future.

While it is difficult to anticipate all conceivable fiscal impacts a piece of legislation may have, the OTA does not have additional comments on bills enacted in 2019. The OTA appreciates the opportunity to comment and thanks LSC for all their hard work in compiling this data, as it is truly beneficial to legislators and local government groups.