

## Summary and Analysis

### Introduction

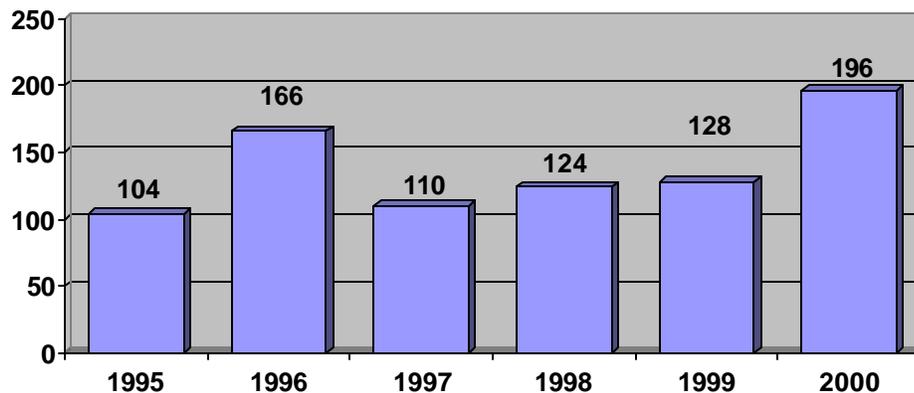
In 1995, the Legislative Budget Office (now the Legislative Service Commission Fiscal Staff) produced the first local impact statement (LIS) as required by S.B. 33 of the 120th General Assembly. The purpose of local impact statements is to provide members of the General Assembly with more thorough and timely information on the potential impacts of proposed legislation on counties, municipalities, townships, and school districts (referred to generically as “local governments” hereafter). The LIS information is designed to allow legislators to make better-informed decisions on bills that could affect local governments.

This section will examine the bills that were enacted in 2000 and during the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. Comparisons are made with the bills enacted in 2000 and those enacted in previous years.

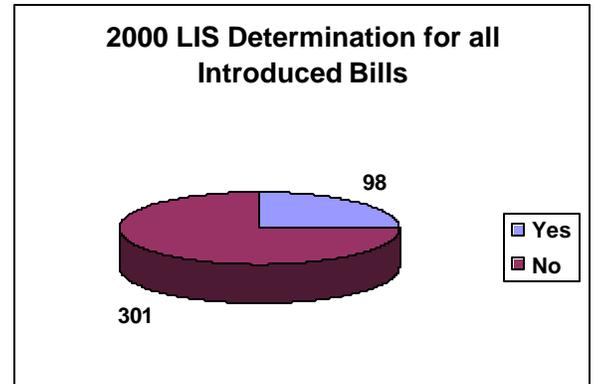
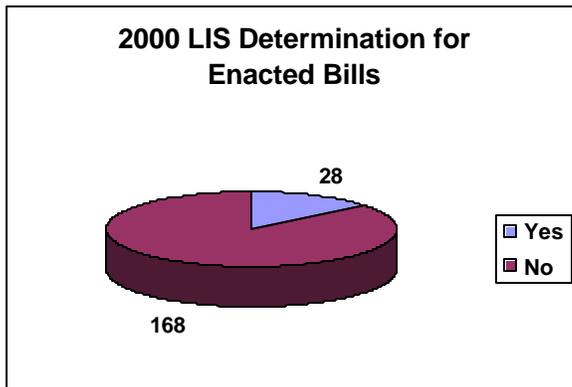
### Bills Becoming Law

In calendar year 2000, the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly passed 120 House bills and 76 Senate bills that became law, for a total of 196. The total number of enacted bills over the past five years has varied from a low of 104 in 1995 to a high of 196 in 2000. The number of bills enacted in 2000 is the higher than previous experience for even-numbered years since 1996. Overall, the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly has passed 324 bills of 1160 bills introduced.

**Bills Passed and Becoming Law, 1995 – 2000**



## Bills with Local Impact (YES) and without Local Impact (NO)



### Of the 196 bills passed in 2000 that became law:

- 169 of the 196 bills that passed were initially determined by LSC to have no local impact.
- 27 of the 196 bills that passed were initially determined by LSC to have a local impact.<sup>1</sup>
- 5 bills had a local impact “As Introduced,” but were estimated to have minimal or no local cost “As Enacted.”<sup>2</sup>
- 6 bills *did not* have a local impact “As Introduced,” but were estimated to have a local impact “As Enacted”
- 28 bills had a local impact “As Enacted.”

### Of the 399 bills introduced in 2000

- 98 of all bills introduced in 2000 have a local impact.

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1. Please see the introduction for an explanation of the criteria LSC uses when making local impact determinations.

2. According to section 103.143 of the Ohio Revised Code, once a LIS is completed the local impact determination in the LIS stays with a piece of legislation regardless of subsequent legislative changes. However, LSC still analyzes any changes for fiscal effect, even though it cannot change the initially designated impact determination.

- 301 of all bills introduced in 2000 have no local impact.

### Impact of the LIS

The 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly introduced 1160 bills. Out of these 1160 bills, 324 were enacted. In 1999, 128 of the enacted bills were passed and 196 bills were passed in 2000. Table 1 shows that 14% or 28 of the enacted bills in 2000 did have a local impact “As Enacted.” This is slightly lower than 1999 when 17% of the enacted bills were determined to have a local impact. Eighty-six percent or 168 of the enacted bills in 2000 had no local impact “As Enacted.” This is slightly higher than the previous year when 83% of the enacted bills were determined to have no local

The Numbers				The Percentages			
Year	# of YES	# of NO	TOTAL	Year	% YES	% NO	% TOTAL
1999	22	106	128	1999	17%	83%	100%
2000	28	168	196	2000	14%	86%	100%

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**Table 1: 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly Enacted Bills**

Table 2 shows that during the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, 17% of all bills with a “Yes” local impact determination were enacted and 31% of all bills with no local impact were enacted. Thus, more bills with a “No” local impact determination were enacted than bills with a “Yes” local impact determination. Overall, 28% percent of all the bills introduced in the 123<sup>rd</sup> G.A. were enacted.

**Table 2: Bills Passed by the 123rd General Assembly that Became Law**

Initial Review	# of Enacted Bills	# of Introduced Bills	% Becoming Law
YES	47	276	17%
NO	277	884	31%
TOTAL	324	1160	28%

Table 3 shows similar results for the 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. Fifteen percent of bills with a “Yes” local impact determination were enacted and 22% of all bills with a no local impact were enacted. Twenty percent of all the bills introduced in the 122<sup>nd</sup> G.A. were enacted. Overall, there were fewer bills passed in the 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly.

**Table 3: Bills Passed by the 122nd General Assembly that Became Law**

Initial Review	# of Enacted Bills	# of Introduced Bills	% Becoming Law
YES	38	253	15%
NO	196	889	22%
TOTAL	234	1142	20%

Table 4 also shows similar results for the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. Eighteen percent of bills with a “Yes” local impact determination were enacted and 25% of all bills with a no local impact were enacted. Twenty-three percent of all the bills introduced in the 122<sup>nd</sup> G.A. were enacted. Overall, there were fewer bills passed in the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly when compared to the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly and more bills passed compared to the 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly.

**Table 4: Bills Passed by the 121st General Assembly that Became Law**

Initial Review	# of Enacted Bills	# of Introduced Bills	% Becoming Law
YES	56	311	18%
NO	214	857	25%
TOTAL	270	1168	23%

The chart below presents the data for all three General Assemblies, indicating that a lower percentage of bills with a “Yes” local impact are enacted when compare to the average for all bills.

**Enacted Bills for the Past Three General Assemblies**

