

# Summary and Analysis

## Introduction

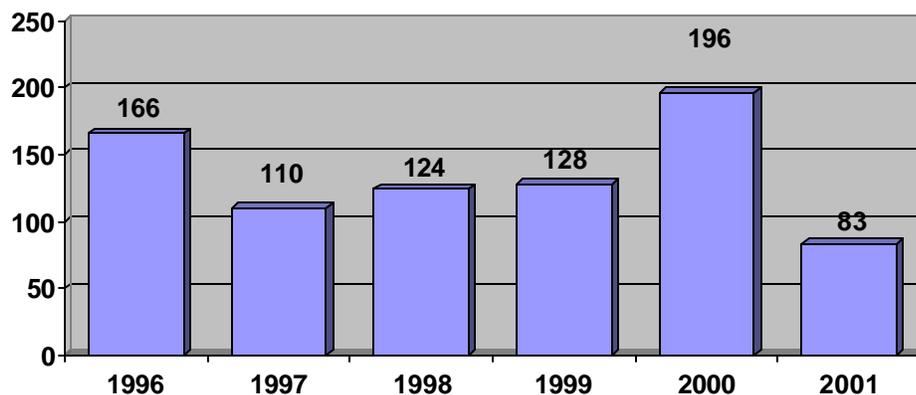
In 1995, the Legislative Budget Office (now the Legislative Service Commission Fiscal Staff) produced the first local impact statement (LIS) as required by S.B. 33 of the 120th General Assembly. The purpose of local impact statements is to provide members of the General Assembly with more thorough and 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 2001 and during the 124th General Assembly. Comparisons are made with the bills enacted in 2001 and those enacted in previous years.

## Bills Becoming Law

In calendar year 2001, the 124th General Assembly passed 50 House bills and 34 Senate bills. However, the Governor vetoed one of the Senate bills<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, only 83 bills passed in 2001 actually became law. The total number of enacted bills over the past six years has varied from a low of 83 in 2001 to a high of 196 in 2000. The number of bills enacted in 2001 is significantly lower than the previous five years.

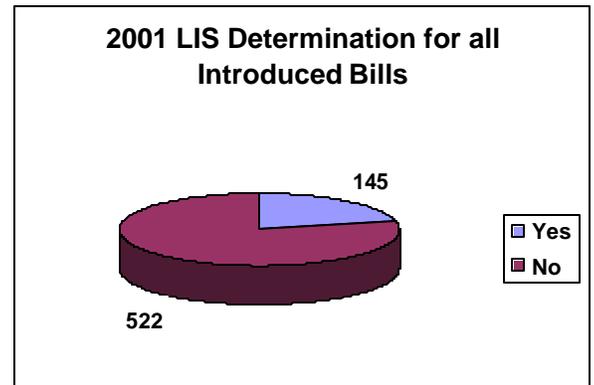
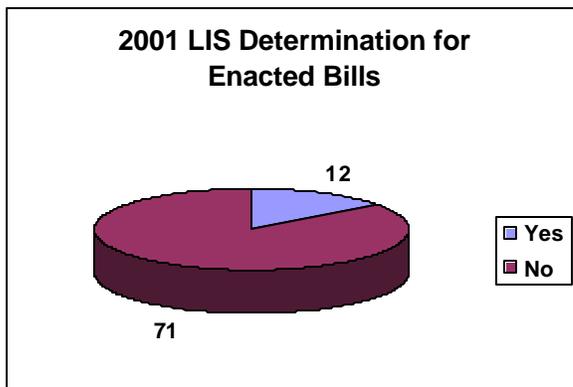
**Bills Passed and Becoming Law, 1996 – 2001**



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<sup>1</sup> SB 148 was vetoed by the Governor in December, 2001.

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



### Of the 83 bills passed in 2001 that became law:

- 71 of the 83 bills that passed were initially determined by LSC to have no local impact.
- 12 of the 83 bills that passed were initially determined by LSC to have a local impact.<sup>2</sup>
- The same 12 bills had a local impact “As Enacted.”

### Of the 668 bills introduced in 2001:<sup>3</sup>

- 145 of all bills introduced in 2001 have a local impact.
- 522 of all bills introduced in 2001 have no local impact.

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<sup>2</sup> Please see the introduction for an explanation of the criteria LSC uses when making local impact determinations.

<sup>3</sup> HB 246 was not assigned to a committee and therefore a local impact determination was not completed.

## Impact of the LIS

The 124th General Assembly introduced 668 bills in 2001, and enacted 83, approximately 12.4%. However, 2001 is the first year of the 124th General Assembly, and many of the bills introduced in 2001 may be enacted in 2002. Therefore, it would be misleading to compare the number of bills introduced and the number of bills enacted in the previous General Assemblies. Nevertheless, 1999 and 1997, the first year of the 123rd General Assembly and of the 122nd General Assembly, respectively, can be compared to 2001. In 1999, 128 bills were enacted of the 761 introduced bills. Of the 128 enacted bills, 22 had a “Yes” local impact determination and 106 had a “No” local impact determination. In 1997, 110 bills were enacted of the 869 introduced bills. Of the 110 enacted bills, 20 had a “Yes” local impact determination and 90 had a “No” local impact determination.

**Table 1: Bills Enacted in 2001, 1999, and 1997**

The Numbers				The Percentages			
Year	# of YES	# of NO	TOTAL	Year	% YES	% NO	% TOTAL
2001	12	71	83	2001	14 %	86 %	100 %
1999	22	106	128	1999	17 %	83 %	100 %
1997	20	90	110	1997	18 %	81 %	100 %

Table 2 shows that in 2001, eight percent of all bills with a “Yes” local impact determination were enacted and 13.6% 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, 12.4% of all the bills introduced in 2001 were enacted.

**Table 2: Bills Passed in 2001 that Became Law**

Initial Review	# of Enacted Bills	# of Introduced Bills	% Becoming Law
YES	12	145	8%
NO	71	522	14%
TOTAL	83	668 <sup>4</sup>	12%

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Table 3 shows similar results for 1999, the first year of the 122nd General Assembly. Approximately 12% of bills with a “Yes” local impact determination were enacted and 18% of the bills with a “No” local impact were enacted. Approximately 17% of all the bills introduced in 1999 were enacted. In 1999, a higher percentage of the bills with a “No” local impact were enacted than those with a “Yes” local impact. Overall, more bills passed in 1999 than in 2001.

**Table 3: Bills Passed in 1999 that Became Law**

<b>Initial Review</b>	<b># of Enacted Bills</b>	<b># of Introduced Bills</b>	<b>% Becoming Law</b>
YES	22	178	12%
NO	106	583	18%
TOTAL	128	761	17%

Table 4 also shows similar results for 1997, the first year of the 121st General Assembly. Approximately 11% of bills with a “Yes” local impact determination were enacted and 13% of the bills with a “No” local impact determination were enacted. Approximately 13% of all the bills introduced in 1997 were enacted. Again, in 1997, a higher percentage of the bills with a “No” local impact were enacted than those with a “Yes” local impact. Overall, there were more bills passed in 1997, when compared to 2001, but less than 1999. However, the highest percentage of bills that passed out of all bills introduced was in 1999.

**Table 4: Bills Passed in 1997 that Became Law**

<b>Initial Review</b>	<b># of Enacted Bills</b>	<b># of Introduced Bills</b>	<b>% Becoming Law</b>
YES	20	189	11%
NO	90	680	13%
TOTAL	110	869	13%

The chart below presents the data for the first year of 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 in the First year of the Past Three General Assemblies

