



Ohio Municipal League

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The Ohio Municipal League has reviewed the draft of the Local Impact Statement Report for Bills Enacted in 2007 and would like to make the following comments.

The report has improved with each passing session. The same can be said for the actual fiscal notes and local impact statements.

The report provides helpful information to organization representing local governments, their respective members and the public: information that would otherwise be difficult to compile. It shows that numerous pieces of legislation have a potential negative impact on local government whose officials are already faced with declining revenues.

An area that still needs to be addressed is the section of law that exempts LSC from having to update a local impact statement for the biennial budget, capital appropriation bill or any other budget corrections bill. The League would support legislation that would allow the General Assembly to include these bills that are now exempted in Division (F) of RC 103.143 from these local impact statements. OML also believes that local impact statements should be required at each phase of the legislative process. This is particularly important as substitute versions and amended substitute versions of bills are enacted. Legislation can have a huge fiscal impact upon local government and should be known to all as these bills progress through the legislature.

We are always optimistic that this document will gain a larger recognition with state decision makers as they consider imposing additional programs or duties on local government or reducing limiting funding.

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