

## Introduction

R.C. 103.143 requires the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) to determine whether a local impact statement (LIS) is required for each bill that is introduced and referred to committee. An LIS may be required when a bill could result in net additional costs beyond a minimal amount to school districts, counties, municipalities, or townships. An LIS is not required for budget bills or joint resolutions. It is also not required when the bill is permissive or when the bill's potential local costs are offset by additional revenues, offset by additional savings, or caused by a federal mandate. The LIS determination is based solely on the "As Introduced" version of the bill.

R.C. 103.143 also requires LSC to annually compile the final local impact statements completed for laws enacted in the preceding calendar year. The report is to be completed by September 30 each year. This 2009 report covers the 130 bills enacted in calendar year 2008, 12 of which required an LIS. Two of the bills that required an LIS were vetoed, and thus did not become law. The fiscal notes for the enacted versions of the 10 bills requiring an LIS that became law are included in this report. The LIS requirement is met through the detailed analysis of local fiscal effects included in LSC's fiscal notes.

Regardless of whether a bill requires an LIS, the fiscal note for a bill analyzes the bill's fiscal effects on both the state and local government. The difference is that, under R.C. 103.143, when a bill requiring an LIS is amended in a committee, the bill may be voted out of the committee by a simple majority vote with a revised LIS (i.e., an updated fiscal note) or by a two-thirds vote without a revised LIS. Because various bills are exempted from the LIS requirement, this report does not include every bill enacted in 2008 that may have fiscal effects on local government. It should also be noted that the fiscal notes in this report were prepared for the General Assembly's deliberation on pending legislation. Cost estimates included in fiscal notes may thus differ from the actual costs of implementing these laws, as the estimations were made before the enacted legislation was implemented. For those who are interested in the local fiscal effects of all legislation enacted in 2008, please see the LSC fiscal notes for those laws, which are available on the LSC web site ([www.lsc.state.oh.us](http://www.lsc.state.oh.us)). A list of all bills enacted in 2008 can be found in the appendix to this report.

Beyond this introduction, the report contains two sections and an appendix. First are comments on the report from the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio, the Ohio Municipal League, the Ohio School Boards Association, and the Ohio Township Association. LSC is required to circulate the draft report to these associations for comment and to include their responses in the final report. Next, the main section of the report consists of the final version of the fiscal notes for the bills enacted in 2008 that

required an LIS and became law. Finally, the appendix lists all House and Senate bills enacted in 2008.

This report may be viewed on-line at [www.lsc.state.oh.us](http://www.lsc.state.oh.us) by clicking on *Publications, Annual & Biennial Reports*, and then *Local Impact Statements*. Alternatively, the report may be purchased at a cost of \$12 per copy, including postage and handling. Please call 614-995-9995 to order a hard copy of this report. For any other inquiries regarding this report, please contact Terry Steele, LSC Budget Analyst, who may be reached by telephone at 614-387-3319 or by e-mail at [tsteele@lsc.state.oh.us](mailto:tsteele@lsc.state.oh.us).