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As Reported by House Finance and Appropriations

AUDCD1 Councils of Government Notifications

R.C. 167.04, Section 701.60

Requires the officers of regional councils of government to inform the Auditor of State of their existence within 30 days of the effective date of this act, or within 10 days of formation if the Council is formed after the effective date of this act, on forms prescribed by the Auditor of State.

Requires the Auditor of State, within one year of the effective date of this act, to review and report to the Governor and General Assembly how many such Councils are operating, and whether regional councils continue to meet the objectives for which they were first authorized, and whether they are an efficient and effective way for local governments to share services or participate in cooperative arrangements.

Fiscal effect: Regional councils and the Auditor of State could incur some additional administrative burden for complying with these requirements.

R.C. 167.04, Section 701.60

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AUDCD2 Streamlining Government and Joint Purchasing Clearinghouse Web Site

R.C. 701.20

Requires the Auditor of State to establish, operate, and maintain one or more web sites to serve as an online clearinghouse for political subdivisions about streamlining government operations, collaboration, and shared services to reduce the cost of government in the state. Allows other existing web sites to be used to fulfill these requirements as long as they meet the eight criteria listed below.

R.C. 701.20

Same as the Executive, but adds that the Auditor must also compile information provided by political subdivisions about joint purchasing arrangements they are involved in that the Auditor of State verifies, through meetings with various statewide associations and others, to have resulted in verifiable cost savings. (DAS was required to develop and maintain a joint purchasing opportunity web site under the Executive proposal, see DASCD14.)

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Requires the Auditor of State, in implementing the web site, to do the following: (1) use a domain name that will be easily recognized, remembered, and understood by users; (2) maintain the web site so it is fully accessible to and searchable by members of the public at all times; (3) not charge a fee to a person who accesses, searches, or otherwise uses the web site; (4) enable information to be accessed by key word or other useful identifiers; (5) compile information provided by political subdivisions that includes savings recommendations from performance audits, examples of shared services among communities, shared services agreements to use as templates, and other tools; (6) enable political subdivisions to register and request inclusion of their submitted information on the web site, as well as to report state and local barriers to collaboration; (7) maintain adequate systemic security and back-up features, and develop and maintain a contingency plan for coping with and recovering from power outages, systemic failures, and other unforeseeable difficulties; and (8) maintain the web site in such a manner that it will not infringe upon legally protected interests.

Permits the Auditor of State to develop the web site internally or use vendors to design and implement the web site.

Fiscal effect: The Auditor of State may incur new costs for developing and operating the web site clearinghouse, whether the task is accomplished internally or by an IT vendor.

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Same as the Executive, but alters (4) to specify that the information must be accessible by key word, by program name, by county, by type of product or service, as well as by key word or other useful identifiers.

Same as the Executive, but also requires the Auditor of State to bear the expense of establishing, operating, and maintaining the online clearinghouse web site.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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LOCCD6 Fiscal Distress Financial Plan Requirements

R.C. *118.023, 118.06, 3316.04, and 3316.06*

Requires a municipal corporation, county, township, and school district under a fiscal watch or fiscal emergency to identify, in the financial plan required in these circumstances, the actions to be taken to enter into a shared service agreement with another political subdivision that agrees to carry out governmental functions or provide services for the municipal corporation, county, township, or school district.

Fiscal effect: There could be some increase in administrative costs for political subdivisions to provide this additional information in the required financial plans.

No provision. Included in H.B. 509, As Introduced.