



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB0162

Introduced 1/22/2021, by Rep. Jeff Keicher

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act  
30 ILCS 805/8.45 new

Creates the Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. Provides that within one year after the effective date of the Act and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each unit of local government (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies, including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another governmental unit, municipality, or county; and create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation. Provides that the duties of the committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the unit of local government's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other units of local government and the State. Provides that the committee shall collect data, research, analysis, and public input. Dissolves the committee after completion of its report and oral presentation of the report. Contains provisions about committee membership, meetings, and report requirements. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and  
6 Efficiency Act.

7 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Governmental unit" includes all units of local government  
9 except municipalities and counties.

10 "Community college" means a public community college in  
11 this State.

12 "State university" means a public university in this  
13 State.

14 Section 10. Formation of committee; members; vacancy;  
15 administrative support.

16 (a) Within one year after the effective date of this Act  
17 and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each governmental  
18 unit must form a committee to: study local efficiencies,  
19 including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another  
20 governmental unit, municipality, or county; and provide a  
21 report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased  
22 accountability, and consolidation.

1           (b) Each committee's membership shall include the elected  
2 or appointed members of the governing board of the  
3 governmental unit, at least 2 residents of the governmental  
4 unit appointed by the county board chairperson or the  
5 president of the board of county commissioners in the county  
6 in which the governmental unit lies, any chief executive  
7 officer or officer of the governmental unit, and at least one  
8 government studies representative from a community college or  
9 State university appointed by the county board chairperson or  
10 the president of the board of county commissioners in the  
11 county in which the governmental unit lies. The committee  
12 shall be chaired by the president or chief elected or  
13 appointed official of the governing board of the governmental  
14 unit, or his or her designee. The chairperson may appoint  
15 additional members to the committee as he or she deems  
16 appropriate.

17           Committee members shall serve without compensation but may  
18 be reimbursed by the governmental unit for their expenses  
19 incurred in performing their duties.

20           (c) A committee may employ or use the services of  
21 specialists in public administration and governmental  
22 management and any other trained consultants, analysts,  
23 investigators, and assistants it considers appropriate.

24           (d) If a vacancy occurs in the committee membership, the  
25 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the appointments  
26 under subsection (b).

1           (e) The governmental unit shall provide administrative and  
2 other support to the committee.

3           Section 15. Duties of a committee. The duties of a  
4 committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the  
5 governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules,  
6 procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services,  
7 intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with  
8 other governmental units and the State. The committee shall  
9 collect data, research, and analysis for its purposes and  
10 shall allow public input through at least one public survey  
11 sent to at least 10% of residents within the governmental  
12 unit.

13           Section 20. Meetings. Each committee shall meet at least 3  
14 times. Each meetings of the committee shall be public and the  
15 committee shall provide an opportunity for any person to be  
16 heard at the public hearings for at least 3 minutes. The  
17 committee may require speakers to register. The committee  
18 shall meet in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the  
19 committee shall be a public body to which the Freedom of  
20 Information Act applies.

21           Section 25. Report and oral presentation. Each committee  
22 shall summarize its work and findings within a report,  
23 including recommendations in respect to consolidation,

1 increased accountability and efficiency, and shall provide  
2 both an oral presentation and the written report to the county  
3 board in which the governmental unit lies no later than 6  
4 months after the formation of the committee. The report shall  
5 be made available to the public.

6 Section 30. Dissolution of the committee. After a  
7 committee has made the report available to the public and  
8 presented all oral presentations required under Section 25,  
9 the committee is dissolved until it is reestablished with  
10 newly appointed members under Section 10.

11 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
12 Section 8.45 as follows:

13 (30 ILCS 805/8.45 new)

14 Sec. 8.45. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and  
15 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for  
16 the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory  
17 Act of the 102nd General Assembly.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.