

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 Efficiency Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act, "governmental
7 unit" includes all units of local government that may levy any
8 tax, except municipalities and counties.

9 Section 10. Formation of committee; members; vacancy;
10 administrative support.

11 (a) Within one year after the effective date of this Act
12 and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each governmental
13 unit must form a committee to study local efficiencies and
14 report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased
15 accountability to the county board in which the governmental
16 unit is located.

17 (b) Each committee's membership shall include the elected
18 or appointed members of the governing board of the
19 governmental unit; at least 2 residents of the governmental
20 unit, who are appointed by the chair of the board of the
21 governmental unit, with the advice and consent of the board;
22 and any chief executive officer or other officer of the

1 governmental unit. The committee shall be chaired by the
2 president or chief elected or appointed official of the
3 governing board of the governmental unit, or his or her
4 designee. The chairperson may appoint additional members to
5 the committee as he or she deems appropriate.

6 Committee members shall serve without compensation but may
7 be reimbursed by the governmental unit for their expenses
8 incurred in performing their duties.

9 (c) A committee may employ or use the services of
10 specialists in public administration and governmental
11 management and any other trained consultants, analysts,
12 investigators, and assistants it considers appropriate, and it
13 may seek assistance from community colleges and universities
14 as necessary to prepare the report required under Section 25.

15 (d) If a vacancy occurs in the committee membership, the
16 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the appointments
17 under subsection (b).

18 (e) Each governmental unit shall provide administrative
19 and other support to its committee.

20 Section 15. Duties of a committee. The duties of a
21 committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the
22 governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules,
23 procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services,
24 intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with
25 other governmental units and the State. The committee shall

1 also collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to
2 prepare the report described in Section 25.

3 Section 20. Meetings. Each committee shall meet at least 3
4 times. The committee may meet during a regularly scheduled
5 meeting of the governmental unit as long as: (1) separate
6 notice is given in conformance with the Open Meetings Act; (2)
7 the committee meeting is listed as part of the board of the
8 governmental unit's agenda; and (3) at least a majority of the
9 members of the committee are present at the committee's
10 meeting. Each meeting of the committee shall be public, and
11 the committee shall provide an opportunity for any person to
12 be heard at the public hearings for at least 3 minutes. The
13 committee may require speakers to register. The committee
14 shall meet in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and the
15 committee shall be a public body to which the Freedom of
16 Information Act applies.

17 At the conclusion of each meeting, the committee shall
18 conduct a survey of residents who attended asking for input on
19 the matters discussed at the meeting.

20 Section 25. Report. Each committee shall summarize its
21 work and findings within a written report, which shall include
22 recommendations in respect to increased accountability and
23 efficiency, and shall provide the report to the county board
24 in which the governmental unit is located no later than 18

1 months after the formation of the committee. The report shall
2 be made available to the public.

3 Section 30. Dissolution of the committee. After a
4 committee has made the report required under Section 25
5 available to the public, the committee is dissolved until it
6 is reestablished with newly appointed members under Section
7 10.

8 Section 85. The School Code is amended by changing Section
9 17-1.1 as follows:

10 (105 ILCS 5/17-1.1)

11 Sec. 17-1.1. Shared service reporting and fiscal
12 efficiency.

13 (a) Annually, each school district shall complete a report
14 developed by the State Board of Education, to accompany the
15 annual financial report and to be published on the State Board
16 of Education's Internet website, that summarizes district
17 attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services
18 or outsourcing in the prior fiscal year. The report must be
19 primarily in checklist form and approximately one page in
20 length. It shall include, but shall not be limited to, the
21 incidence of the following shared service options: insurance;
22 employee benefits; transportation; personnel recruitment;
23 shared personnel; technology services; energy purchasing;

1 supply and equipment purchasing; food services; legal
2 services; investment pools; special education cooperatives,
3 vocational cooperatives, and other shared educational
4 programs; curriculum planning; professional development;
5 custodial services; maintenance services; grounds maintenance
6 services; food services; grant writing; and science,
7 technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program
8 offerings. The report shall also include a list of potential
9 shared services or outsourcing the district may consider or
10 investigate for the next fiscal year and any anticipated
11 barriers to implementation. This report must be approved by
12 the school board at an open meeting that allows for public
13 comment, and it shall be published on the Internet website of
14 the school district, if any.

15 (b) Based on data supplied by school districts through the
16 annual financial report, regional superintendents of schools
17 shall publish annually a regional report summarizing district
18 attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services
19 or outsourcing within the educational service region. This
20 report shall include a list of all joint purchasing
21 initiatives, joint agreements between districts, attempts to
22 reduce or eliminate duplication of services and duplicative
23 expenditures, and identification of any overlapping regional
24 service delivery systems.

25 (c) For school districts required to develop and submit to
26 the State Board of Education a deficit reduction plan under

1 Section 17-1 of this Code, the regional superintendent of
2 schools and the school district shall jointly prepare a shared
3 services and outsourcing plan that considers actions that may
4 improve the district's fiscal efficiency and how future
5 savings associated with shared services or outsourcing are to
6 be utilized.

7 (Source: P.A. 97-357, eff. 1-1-12.)

8 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
9 Section 8.46 as follows:

10 (30 ILCS 805/8.46 new)

11 Sec. 8.46. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and
12 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for
13 the implementation of any mandate created by the Decennial
14 Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.