

HJR 178 -- FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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Upon voter approval, this constitutional amendment requires any bill introduced by the General Assembly that creates or modifies a local mandate to include a local government fiscal impact statement.

The statement must identify the categories of local governments affected, estimate the anticipated cost to each, and identify the source and sufficiency of any proposed State funding or support.

This amendment prevents any bill affected by this requirement from being voted out of committee prior to the public availability of the fiscal impact statement.

The amendment provides that no local government is required to implement or administer a local mandate unless State funding has been made available to the local government. If funding is not appropriated or insufficient, a local government can suspend the mandate.

This amendment also places several requirements on any State law requiring local administration, as provided in the resolution.