Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis   Bethany Boyd

Sub. H.B. 340[*]
131st General Assembly
(As Reported by H. State Government)

Reps.   Amstutz, Rogers, Duffey, Grossman, Sweeney, Hambley, Ryan, R. Smith, Baker, Hackett, Ruhl, Young, Derickson, Ginter

BILL SUMMARY

- Extends the operation of the Local Government Innovation Council until December 31, 2019, rather than terminating the Council on that day in 2015.

- Defines "political subdivision" for purposes of the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program, which is administered by the Council.

- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Local Government Innovation Council

The bill extends the operation of the Local Government Innovation Council until December 31, 2019. Currently, the Council is terminated on December 31, 2015.[1] The bill also defines "political subdivision" for purposes of the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program, which is administered by the Council.[2]

The 15-member Local Government Innovation Council, along with the Development Services Agency, administers the Local Government Innovation Program,

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[*] This analysis was prepared before the report of the House State Government Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

[1] R.C. 189.10.

[2] Section 701.120(C) of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, which is in Section 3 of the bill.

which provides loans and grants for local government innovation projects.[3] The Council also administers the Local Government Efficiency Program and may award grants and loans to political subdivisions, and scholarships to their employees, for training in process efficiency programs such as Six Sigma, Kaizen, and Lean; may award a grant to the Department of Administrative Services for the provision of training in those process efficiency programs; and may award grants or loans to assist political subdivisions in implementing the Director of Administrative Service's recommendations proposing uniform standards for public offices that choose to post public records on their websites.[4]

In addition, the Local Government Innovation Council administers the recently established Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program. Under the Program, the Council is authorized to award grants to political subdivisions to be used for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, facilities, or systems needed to enhance public safety. Applications for grants must be submitted to the Development Services Agency, but the Council evaluates applications and selects the grantees. The bill defines the "political subdivisions" that may be eligible for a grant under the Program as follows: a county, township, municipal corporation, joint emergency medical services district (organized by two or more counties), fire district (organized by a township or a township and a municipal corporation), joint fire district (organized by one or more townships and one or more municipal corporations, two or more townships, or two or more municipal corporations), fire and ambulance district (organized by one or more townships and one or more municipal corporations, two or more townships, or two or more municipal corporations), joint police district (organized by two or more townships, or one or more townships and one or more municipal corporations), and joint ambulance district (organized by one or more townships and one or more municipal corporations, two or more townships, or two or more municipal corporations).[5]

Emergency clause

The bill is an emergency measure that takes immediate effect. The reason for the emergency is to ensure that the Council maintains its operations for the benefit of the state without interruption.[6]

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[3] R.C. 189.01 to 189.09, not in the bill.

[4] Sections 701.30 and 701.40 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly.

[5] Section 701.120(C) of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, which is in Section 3 of the bill.

[6] Section5.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-28-15
Reported, H. State Gov't	---

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