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Research Note

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Sponsors

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(None)*

Short Title

*Transparency Online Project
Include County Information*

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Status

This bill is currently pending before the House Local Government Committee. This research note reflects the introduced version of the bill.

Summary

This bill requires counties to provide revenue and expenditure data to the state Chief Information Officer (CIO) no later than 30 days after the end of the fiscal year for inclusion in the State Transparency Online Project site (TOPS). Data must be segmented by agency and provided in an electronic format approved by the CIO so it can be added to TOPS. If a county fails to provide this data within 90 days of the deadline, the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will consider this to be an adverse factor when making local government severance tax grant awards. The CIO is also required to archive past county revenue and expenditures data.

Background

TOPS is a free, searchable, web-based system that provides easy access to the state's expenditures and revenues. TOPS was created by an executive order of the Governor in April 2009 and codified by House Bill 09-1288. This bill adds counties to the list of agencies that must provide revenue and expenditure data to include in TOPS.

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