

Subject Stronger community aid program

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Overview

Replaces the current local performance measurement program with the stronger community aid program. Counties and cities electing to participate in the program would select and evaluate performance measures annually. The bill expands the current program to require participating jurisdictions to hold public meetings, during which the jurisdictions discuss their selected performance measures. Participating jurisdictions would receive aid pursuant to subdivision 8.

Effective date: This provision is effective for aids payable in 2023 and thereafter.

Summary

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1	Stronger community aid.
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This section establishes the stronger community aid program.

Subd. 1. Purpose. States that the purpose of this section is to enhance the local performance measurement program by creating a permanent aid program and compensating participating local governments for implementing a performance measurement program.

Subd. 2. Duties of the Office of the State Auditor. Requires the Office of the State Auditor to provide a list of potential performance measures for counties and cities and to annually certify to the commissioner of revenue a list of the participating local jurisdictions.

Subd. 3. Program performance measures. Requires that each participating jurisdiction adopt and implement a set of ten performance measures by June 1 annually.

Subd. 4. Citizen performance measure and budget workshop meetings. Requires that each participating jurisdiction hold an annual citizen performance measure and budget workshop meeting. The public meeting must be used to

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discuss performance measures for the upcoming year, review and report on performance measurement results for the current year, and discuss the budget process and budget priorities.

Subd. 5. Preliminary budget meeting. Requires each participating jurisdiction to identify at least two performance measures needing improvement during the meeting at which the jurisdiction sets its preliminary budget and levy. The jurisdiction must determine a strategy for improving these measures.

Subd. 6. Final budget meeting; resolution. Requires each participating jurisdiction to approve a resolution during the meeting where its final budget and levy are set. The resolution must declare that the jurisdiction met the requirements of subdivisions 3 through 5 and that the performance measure results from the previous year were made public through the jurisdiction's website or by direct mail.

Subd. 7. Certification to the Office of the State Auditor. Requires each participating jurisdiction to certify to the Office of the State Auditor that it met the requirements of subdivisions 3 through 6.

Subd. 8. Aid calculation. Determines the aid amounts for participating jurisdictions.

Counties

- Population less than or equal to 10,000: \$10 per capita, with a minimum aid amount of \$50,000
- Population greater than 10,000: \$100,000, plus \$2 times the county's population over 10,000, up to a maximum of \$250,000

Cities

- Population less than or equal to 2,000: \$20 per capita
- Population greater than 2,000: \$40,000, plus \$2 times the city's population over 2,000, up to a maximum of \$250,000

Subd. 9. Aid certification payment. Requires the Office of the State Auditor to certify to the commissioner of revenue a list of the local units of government that are eligible to receive aid. The commissioner of revenue must notify the local units of government of the aid amounts by August 1 and make payments of the aid on December 26.

Subd. 10. Appropriation. Creates an annual appropriation from the general fund for aid payments under this section.

Section	Description
2	<p data-bbox="316 262 1429 300">Repealer.</p> <p data-bbox="316 310 1429 384">Repeals the local performance measurement program currently in statute. The stronger community aid program is meant to replace this section of statute.</p> <p data-bbox="316 415 1429 453">Effective date: Effective January 1, 2023.</p>



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