



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [H.B. 4 of the 130th G.A.](#)

**Date:** October 8, 2013

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Stautberg and Blessing

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Establishes the Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill establishes the Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program to be administered by the Local Government Innovation Council within the Development Services Agency. The Council may award up to \$1.0 million in grants every two fiscal years to political subdivisions through the new program.
- Awards through the Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program will be made from appropriations to Local Government Innovation Fund (Fund 5KN0) line item 195640, Local Government Innovation. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, the main operating budget act for the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium, appropriated approximately \$20.7 million to the line item in FY 2014 and \$21.9 million in FY 2015.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- Political subdivisions may apply for grants of up to \$10,000 every two fiscal years under the Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program. The grants must be used to pay the necessary expenses of participation in the Center for Performance Measurement Program of the International City/County Management Association.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

### Fiscal effects of bill

The bill establishes the Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program to be administered by the Local Government Innovation Council within the Development Services Agency. The new program will award grants of up to \$10,000 every two fiscal years per political subdivision. The grant funds must be used to pay the necessary expenses of participation in the Center for Performance Measurement Program of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The Council may award up to \$1.0 million in grants every two fiscal years under the program. The grants will be paid from the Local Government Innovation Fund (Fund 5KN0) under appropriation item 195640, Local Government Innovation. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, the main operating budget act for the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium, appropriated approximately \$20.7 million to the line item in FY 2014 and \$21.9 million in FY 2015.

Under current law, cash in Fund 5KN0 is used by the Local Government Innovation Council to provide grants and loans under the Local Government Innovation Program (LGIP). Continuing law prohibits the Local Government Innovation Council from awarding more than 20% of the funds in Fund 5KN0 as LGIP grants, with the remaining funds being available as loans. The bill specifies that grants awarded under the Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program do not count toward the 20% grant limitation, and dollar limitations that apply to LGIP grants awarded by the Council under existing law do not include Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program moneys awarded under the bill. For more information about the Local Government Innovation Program, see the LSC Greenbook for the Development Services Agency.

Grants through the Local Government Performance Measurement Grant Program will be awarded by the Council on a first-come, first-served basis in the amount reasonably requested on the properly completed application form created by the Council. The bill specifies that unexpended grant moneys must be submitted back to Fund 5KN0.

### Background on ICMA's Center for Performance Measurement Program

Membership in the ICMA's Center for Performance Measurement (CPM) Program allows a political subdivision to gather and submit performance data to the ICMA regarding the political subdivision's policies and the amount of money it spends in various public service areas – for example, police, fire, and libraries – as well as the outcomes tied to spending and other policies in those service areas. The political subdivision then may compare its performance data with that of other participating local governments in order to identify what policies and financial approaches to providing a public service might result in the desired outcomes. According to ICMA's

web site, one of its initiatives is to help local governments use performance data to establish goals and outcomes in budget decisions, set targets of performance, compare themselves to and learn from other jurisdictions, and communicate service and financial improvements to citizens.

The Center for Performance Measurement offers "CPM Comprehensive Programs" with an annual enrollment fee of \$5,550, or a \$2,675 annual enrollment fee for communities with a population of 10,000 or less, and charges lesser fees for a la carte membership depending on the number of service areas covered by the membership. The Center also offers a "CPM 101 Program" with an annual fee of \$995. A political subdivision must pay a one-time fee for training that varies according to the program options selected.

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