

2098-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Grant, Jarrett, O'Brien, Chase, McIntire, Hankins, Santos and Shabro)

Brief Description: Providing financial assistance to counties and cities. Revised for 1st Substitute: Declaring legislative intent to provide financial assistance to counties and cities.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to provide local communities more tools to choose their level of public services and taxes.

Recognizes that communities around the state have different economic environments and one method of financing local services does not work for all communities.

Recognizes that in some cases short-term or long-term economic changes have left communities unable to fund minimum required services by taxing the local economic base.

Recognizes that some communities have public safety, human service, or economic development priorities that are not shared by other communities.

Declares an intent to provide direct financial assistance to counties and cities that cannot provide basic governmental services without state assistance.