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The Ohio Township Association (OTA) would like to thank the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) for the opportunity to comment on the 2024 Local Impact Statement (LIS) Report. The LIS report is an essential educational resource for our members and members of the General Assembly as it highlights the effect previously passed legislation will have on townships' budgets. It also keeps legislators and local officials aware of any unfunded mandates created in legislation.

The fiscal impact legislation may have on townships is often underestimated, but the Legislative Service Commission has recognized the impacts. According to the LIS Report, one bill enacted in 2023 had a fiscal impact on local governments and had a direct impact on townships: SB 10.

The Local Government Fund (LGF), from which townships receive revenue, is projected to see a reduction in funds from the enactment of SB 10. The estimated net loss is \$140,000 in FY 2024, totaling \$2.3 million through 2033. Monies from the LGF are used in every community across the state and, therefore, affect every resident in Ohio. For most townships, the LGF is the second highest source of revenue for townships behind property tax collection of inside and outside millage. Townships cannot compensate for the lost LGF revenue by passing other taxes, such as income or sales tax. Any lost LGF revenue will require additional property tax levies.

Additionally, state budget bills are exempt from local impact statement requirements and excluded from the report. The OTA encourages the General Assembly to revisit this policy and include budget bills in the LIS requirement to provide a more comprehensive look at how legislation affects local government in the future.

Although the actual impact these new laws will have on townships will only be known once they are implemented, the fiscal analyses provide a base for townships to determine how a new law may affect their budgets. The Ohio Township Association appreciates the opportunity to provide our input and thanks the Legislative Service Commission for all their hard work compiling the data, as it genuinely benefits legislators and local government groups.