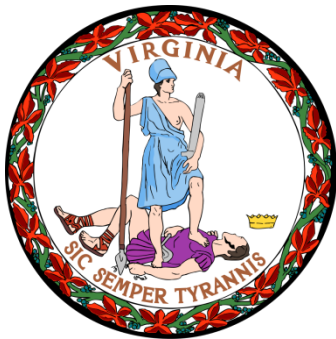


2018 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF

**THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL STRESS**



TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA



Commonwealth of Virginia

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RICHMOND

January 09, 2019

TO: Members of the General Assembly

Pursuant to budget language (Chapter 836, 2017 Acts of Assembly, Item 1, U.) the Joint Subcommittee on Local Government Fiscal Stress is required to submit on or before the first day of the General Assembly session an executive summary of its findings and recommendations. This Executive Summary includes the activities performed by the Joint Subcommittee, as well as recommended areas for further analysis and consideration by the Joint Subcommittee.

Thank you for accepting the inaugural submission of the Executive Summary of the Joint Subcommittee on Local Government Fiscal Stress. Documents related to the Joint Subcommittee are available on the Senate Finance Committee's web page (located here): <http://sfc.virginia.gov/subcommittees.shtml>

In addition, requests for further information regarding the Joint Subcommittee can be made to staff members of the Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and the Division of Legislative Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., Chair

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THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL STRESS - BACKGROUND

ENABLING AUTHORITY

(CHAPTER 836, 2017 ACTS OF ASSEMBLY)

Established in budget language contained in Chapter 836 of the 2017 Acts of Assembly, the goals and objectives of the Joint Subcommittee on Local Government Fiscal Stress are to review the following:

- i. Savings opportunities from increased regional cooperation and consolidation of services;
- ii. Local responsibilities for service delivery of state-mandated or other high priority items;
- iii. Causes of fiscal distress among local governments;
- iv. Potential financial incentives and other governmental reforms to encourage increased regional cooperation; and
- v. The different taxing authorities of cities and counties

The Joint Subcommittee on Local Government Fiscal Stress is comprised of 11 members of the General Assembly. Five members of the Senate Finance Committee are appointed by the Co-Chairs of the Senate Finance Committee, and four members of the House Appropriations Committee, and two members of the House Finance Committee are appointed by the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Both a Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected among the membership of the Joint Subcommittee.

MEETINGS OF THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

One meeting took place during 2018, on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. A summary of the meeting agenda is as follows:

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 (12:30 p.m. in Senate Room A, Pocahontas Building)

- Welcoming remarks/Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Update from the Auditor of Public Accounts
 - Martha S. Mavredes, CPA
Auditor of Public Accounts

- Update on City of Bristol
 - Randall C. Eads, City Manager, City Manager
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- Update on City of Petersburg
 - Aretha R. Ferrell-Benavides, City Manager
City of Petersburg