

# 2017 Work Plan

## Joint Subcommittee on Local Government Fiscal Stress

Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., Chair | Delegate S. Chris Jones, Vice-Chair

### Prior Meetings (Completed) – 2017

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#### June Meeting:

- Welcoming remarks/Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Update on Petersburg
  - Richard D. Brown  
Secretary of Finance
  - Robert C. Bobb  
President & CEO  
The Robert Bobb Group, LLC
- Overview of Budget Language/Previous Local Fiscal Distress Activity
  - Adam Rosatelli  
Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Senate Finance Committee Staff
- Communities in Fiscal Distress/Areas of Consolidation/Collaboration
  - David Conmy  
Local Government Policy Administrator  
Commission on Local Government (DHCD)
- Update on Local Taxation
  - Lisa Wallmeyer  
Senior Attorney  
Division of Legislative Services

## **Proposed Meetings (2017): Two meetings: August, October**

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### **August Meeting:**

- Update on APA Workgroup Activities (pursuant to budget language in § 4-8.03) – Prioritized early warning system; Review of local oversight, assistance and intervention
  - Martha Mavredes  
Auditor of Public Accounts
- Recommendations and Findings of Previous Studies and Key Tax Related Issues
  - Joe Mayer  
Lead Tax Policy Analyst  
Department of Taxation
- Review of 2017 Work Plan
  - Adam Rosatelli  
Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Senate Finance Committee

### **October Meeting (agenda tentative):**

- Local Government Perspective – Issues facing local governments and ways to improve the state/local fiscal partnership
  - Representative(s) from VML and VACO
- Review of Cost Savings/ Potential Reforms and Incentives to Encourage Cooperation/Consolidation of Services
  - David Conmy  
Local Government Policy Administrator  
Commission on Local Government (DHCD)
- Discussion of Executive Summary of Initial Findings and Recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee (2017) (Staff)
- Discussion on future issues/topics of interest by members of the Joint Subcommittee for 2018 (Staff)

## 2017 Staff Work and Meetings

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- Review past studies
- Work with CLG to review data, and areas for collaboration
- Work with APA workgroup on prioritized early warning detection system
- Work with Office of Secretary of Finance and APA on overall policy of state involvement/intervention in fiscally distressed localities
- Work with DLS/TAX on local taxing authority disparities and remedies
- Communicate with local governments/VML/VACO for local perspective
- Determine scope and contents of initial executive summary (due to DLAS by first day of 2018 General Assembly Session)

## Statutory Authority (Chapter 836, 2017 Acts of Assembly)

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### Item 1

U.1. *The Co-Chairs of the Senate Finance Committee shall appoint five members from their Committee and the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee shall appoint four members from his Committee and two members of the House Finance Committee to a Joint Subcommittee on Local Government Fiscal Stress. The Joint Subcommittee shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership.*

2. *The goals and objectives of the Joint Subcommittee will be to review (i) savings opportunities from increased regional cooperation and consolidation of services; (ii) local responsibilities for service delivery of state-mandated or high priority programs, (iii) causes of fiscal stress 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.*

3. *Administrative staff support shall be provided by the Office of the Clerks of the House and Senate. The Joint Subcommittee may seek support and technical assistance from the staff of the Division of Legislative Services, House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and the Commission on Local Government. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Joint Subcommittee for this study, upon request.*

4. *No recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee shall be adopted if a majority votes against the recommendation. The Joint Subcommittee shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year.*

## Membership

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*Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., Chair  
Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr.  
Senator Richard L. Saslaw  
Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.  
Senator Rosalyn R. Dance*

*Delegate S. Chris Jones, Vice-Chair  
Delegate R. Lee Ware  
Delegate Robert "Bobby" Orrock  
Delegate Richard "Rich" Andersen  
Delegate L. Nick Rush  
Delegate Lashrecse D. Aird*