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To establish and convene a Blue Ribbon Committee in
each county to identify duplication of services
and make recommendations to streamline and
improve local government efficiency and
effectiveness.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) As used in this section, "taxing unit" has
the meaning defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.

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(B) (1) The board of county commissioners of each county,
or the county executive, shall establish and convene a Blue
Ribbon Committee to do all of the following:

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(a) Review and assess each taxing unit within the county
to determine the taxing districts and levying entities most able
to combine and consolidate operations for taxpayer savings;

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(b) Review and assess each county program or department to
identify duplication of services and generally to streamline and
improve county efficiency and effectiveness;

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(c) Review and assess each public service and district,
including water, sewer, health, park, and cemetery, to identify

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duplication of services and ability for consolidation.	19
(2) In addition to the duties enumerated under division	20
(B) (1) of this section, the Blue Ribbon Committee may, by vote	21
of a majority of its members, expand its scope to include the	22
review, assessment, and investigation of other matters related	23
to local government within the county.	24
(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this	25
section, the Blue Ribbon Committee shall consist of all of the	26
following:	27
(a) The three members of the board of county commissioners	28
or a member's designee, or, in the case of a county with an	29
appointed or elected county executive, the county executive and	30
two residents of the county appointed by the executive, with the	31
approval of the legislative authority of the county;	32
(b) The county auditor or the official acting in that	33
capacity, or the auditor's or official's designee;	34
(c) A municipal corporation representative, who shall be	35
selected by majority vote of the legislative authorities of the	36
municipal corporations located in whole or in part within the	37
county, with each legislative authority casting one vote;	38
(d) A township representative, selected by the president	39
of the county's township association. If a county does not have	40
a county township association, the township representative shall	41
be selected by majority vote of the boards of township trustees	42
of the townships located in whole or in part within the county,	43
with each board casting one vote.	44
(e) The superintendent of the educational service center	45
that serves the most students within the county, or the	46
superintendent's designee.	47

(2) The Blue Ribbon Committee, by vote of a majority of its members including not fewer than four of the members set forth under division (C)(1) of this section, may alter the size and composition of the Blue Ribbon Committee.	48 49 50 51
(D) Members of the Blue Ribbon Committee are not entitled to compensation for service on the Committee, but may be reimbursed, by the county, for their actual and necessary expenses that are incurred in the discharge of duties on the Committee.	52 53 54 55 56
(E) The Blue Ribbon Committee shall, not later than one year after the effective date of this section, prepare a report of its recommendations for combining taxing entities, sharing services, and executing programs more efficiently. In addition, the report may include recommendations related to other matters assessed by the Committee under division (B)(2) of this section. The report shall be published on the internet web site of the county, and shall be submitted to the General Assembly under division (B) of section 101.68 of the Revised Code.	57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65