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To establish and convene a Blue Ribbon Committee in 1
each county to identify duplication of services 2
and make recommendations to streamline and 3
improve local government efficiency and 4
effectiveness. 5

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

Section 1. (A) As used in this section, "taxing unit" has 6
the meaning defined in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code. 7

(B) (1) The board of county commissioners of each county, 8
or the county executive, shall establish and convene a Blue 9
Ribbon Committee to do all of the following: 10

(a) Review and assess each taxing unit within the county 11
to determine the taxing districts and levying entities most able 12
to combine and consolidate operations for taxpayer savings; 13

(b) Review and assess each county program or department to 14
identify duplication of services and generally to streamline and 15
improve county efficiency and effectiveness; 16

(c) Review and assess each public service and district, 17
including water, sewer, health, park, and cemetery, to identify 18



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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 48
its members including not fewer than four of the members set 49
forth under division (C) (1) of this section, may alter the size 50
and composition of the Blue Ribbon Committee. 51

(D) Members of the Blue Ribbon Committee are not entitled 52
to compensation for service on the Committee, but may be 53
reimbursed, by the county, for their actual and necessary 54
expenses that are incurred in the discharge of duties on the 55
Committee. 56

(E) The Blue Ribbon Committee shall, not later than one 57
year after the effective date of this section, prepare a report 58
of its recommendations for combining taxing entities, sharing 59
services, and executing programs more efficiently. In addition, 60
the report may include recommendations related to other matters 61
assessed by the Committee under division (B) (2) of this section. 62
The report shall be published on the internet web site of the 63
county, and shall be submitted to the General Assembly under 64
division (B) of section 101.68 of the Revised Code. 65