



County-wide Shared Services Initiative  
 (Enacted by Part BBB of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2017)

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PART BBB

35 Section 1. County-wide shared services property tax savings plan. 1.  
 36 Notwithstanding the provisions of the municipal home rule law, the  
 37 alternative county government law, or any other general, special or  
 38 local law to the contrary, the chief executive officer of each county  
 39 outside of a city of one million or more shall prepare a property tax  
 40 savings plan for shared, coordinated and efficient services among the  
 41 county, cities, towns and villages within such county.

42 Such plan may include school districts, boards of cooperative educa-  
 43 tional services, and special improvement districts within such county if  
 44 the school district, board of cooperative educational services, or  
 45 special improvement district has a representative on the shared services  
 46 panel.

47 2. a. There shall be a shared services panel in each county consisting  
 48 of the chief executive officer of the county, who shall serve as chair,  
 49 and one representative from each city, town, and village in the county.

50 b. The chief executive officer of each town, city and village shall be  
 51 the representative to the shared services panel and shall be the mayor,  
 52 if a city or a village, or shall be the supervisor, if a town.

53 c. The chief executive officer of the county may invite any school  
 54 district, any board of cooperative educational services, and/or any

1 special improvement district in the county to participate in the coun-  
2 ty-wide shared services property tax savings plan. Upon such invitation,  
3 the governing body of such school district, board of cooperative educa-  
4 tional services, and/or a special improvement district may accept such  
5 invitation by selecting a representative of such governing body, by  
6 majority vote, to serve as a member of the shared services panel.

7 d. In the development of the county-wide shared services property tax  
8 savings plan, the chief executive officer of the county shall regularly  
9 consult with, and take recommendations from, all the representatives of  
10 the shared services panel, as well as with and from the representative  
11 of each collective bargaining unit of the county and the cities, towns,  
12 and villages as well as from the representative of each collective  
13 bargaining unit of any participating school district, board of cooper-  
14 ative educational services and special improvement district.

15 3. Public input, as well as input from civic, business, labor, and  
16 community leaders, shall be accepted by the chief executive officer, the  
17 county legislative body and the shared services panel on the proposed  
18 county-wide shared services property tax savings plan. To facilitate  
19 such input, three or more public hearings shall be arranged to be held  
20 within the county. All such public hearings shall be conducted prior to  
21 the submission of the county-wide shared services property tax savings  
22 plan to a vote of the shared services panel, and public notice of all  
23 such hearings shall be provided at least one week prior in the manner  
24 prescribed in subdivision 1 of section 104 of the public officers law.  
25 Civic, business, labor, and community leaders, as well as members of the  
26 public, shall be permitted to provided public testimony at any such  
27 hearings.

28 4. a. Such property tax savings plan shall contain new recurring prop-  
29 erty tax savings through actions such as, but not limited to, the elimi-  
30 nation of duplicative services; shared services, such as joint purchas-  
31 ing, shared highway equipment, shared storage facilities, shared plowing  
32 services, and energy and insurance purchasing cooperatives; reduction in  
33 back office administrative overhead; and better coordination of  
34 services.

35 b. The chief executive officer of the county shall submit such proper-  
36 ty tax savings plan to the county legislative body no later than August  
37 first, two thousand seventeen. Such property tax savings plan shall be  
38 accompanied by a certification as to the accuracy of the savings  
39 contained therein.

40 c. The county legislative body shall review and consider the county-  
41 wide shared services plan submitted to it in accordance with paragraph b  
42 of this subdivision. A majority of the members of such body may issue an  
43 advisory report making recommendations as deemed necessary. The chief  
44 executive officer may make modifications to the plan based on such  
45 recommendations. If modifications are made by the chief executive offi-  
46 cer, he or she shall produce an updated certification as to the accuracy  
47 of the savings contained therein.

48 d. The county shared services panel shall consider the county-wide  
49 shared services tax savings plan. A majority vote of the panel shall be  
50 required for approval of such plan, provided however that each member of  
51 the panel may, prior to the panel-wide vote, cause to be removed from  
52 the plan any proposed action that affects the unit of local government  
53 represented by the respective member. Written notice of such removal  
54 shall be provided to the chief executive officer of the county prior to  
55 the panel-wide vote on the plan.

1 e. If a county does not achieve an approved county-wide shared  
 2 services property tax savings plan by the deadlines required for 2017,  
 3 then it shall release to the public a report on the proposal, the vote  
 4 of the panel which vote shall require each panel member, in writing to  
 5 state the reason for such vote. The county shall then follow the same  
 6 procedures defined in this section to attempt to produce an approved  
 7 county-wide shared services property tax savings plan by the deadlines  
 8 required for 2018.

9 5. a. Upon approval of the shared services panel, the chief executive  
 10 officer of the county shall finalize the county-wide shared services  
 11 property tax savings plan and shall transmit to the director of the  
 12 division of the budget a certification of the plan and its property tax  
 13 savings plan. The chief executive officer of the county shall finalize  
 14 any such approved county-wide shared services property tax savings plan  
 15 no later than September fifteenth, two thousand seventeen, and any such  
 16 plan shall be publicly disseminated to residents of the county in a  
 17 concise, clear, and coherent manner using words with common and everyday  
 18 meanings.

19 b. The beginning of the plan publicly disseminated shall contain the  
 20 information and shall be in the form set forth hereinbelow:

21 County-wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan Summary

22	Row 1	Participating Cities	(insert number of cities in the
23			county as well as the number and list
24			of such cities with a representative
25			on the panel who voted on such plan)
26	Row 2	Participating Towns	(insert number of towns in the county
27			as well as the number and list of
28			such towns with a representative
29			on the panel who voted on such plan)
30	Row 3	Participating Villages	(insert number of villages in the
31			county as well as the number and list of
32			such villages with a representative
33			on the panel who voted on such plan)
34	Row 4	Participating school	(insert number of school districts,
35		districts, BOCES, and	BOCES, and special improvement
36		special improvement	districts in the county as
37		districts	well as the number and list of
38			such school districts, BOCES, and
39			special improvement districts
40			with a representative on the
41			panel who voted on such plan)
42	Row 5	2017 Local	(insert sum total of property
43		Government property	taxes levied in the year
44		taxes	2017 by the county, cities, towns,
45			villages, school districts,
46			BOCES, and special improvement
47			districts within such county)
48	Row 6	2017 Participating	(insert sum total of property
49		Entities property	taxes levied in the year 2017 by the
50		taxes	county, any cities, towns, villages,
51			school districts, BOCES, and
52			special improvements districts
53			identified as participating in
54			the panel in rows one through

1			four above)
2	Row 7	Total Anticipated	(insert sum total of net
3		Savings	savings in such plan certified
4			as being anticipated in calendar
5			year 2018, calendar year 2019,
6			and annually thereafter)
7	Row 8	Anticipated Savings	(insert sum total of net
8		as a Percentage of	savings in such plan
9		Participating	certified as being anticipated
10		Entities property	in calendar year 2018 as a
11		taxes	percentage of the sum total in
12			Row 6, calendar year 2019
13			as a percentage of the sum total
14			in Row 6, and annually
15			thereafter as a percentage of the
16			sum total in Row 6)
17	Row 9	Anticipated	(insert the amount of the
18		Savings to the	savings that the average
19		Average Taxpayer	taxpayer in the county
20			will realize in calendar year
21			2018, calendar year 2019,
22			and annually thereafter if the
23			net savings certified
24			in the plan are realized)
25	Row 10	Anticipated	(insert the percentage amount a
26		Costs/Savings to	homeowner can expect his or her
27		the Average	property taxes to increase or
28		Homeowner	decrease in calendar year 2018,
29			calendar year 2019, and
30			annually thereafter if
31			the net savings certified in the
32			plan are realized)
33	Row 11	Anticipated	(insert the percentage amount a
34		Costs/Savings to	business can expect its property
35		the Average	taxes to increase or decrease in
36		Business	calendar year 2018, calendar year
37			2019, and annually thereafter if
38			the net savings certified in the
39			plan are realized)

40 c. The chief executive officer of the county shall conduct a public  
41 presentation of the plan no later than October 15, 2017. Public notice  
42 of such public presentation shall be provided at least one week prior in  
43 the manner prescribed in subdivision 1 of section 104 of the public  
44 officers law.

45 d. Any such finalized property tax savings plan which would have the  
46 effect of transferring or abolishing a function or duty of the county or  
47 of the cities, towns, villages, districts or other units of government  
48 wholly contained in the county, shall not become operative unless and  
49 until it is approved in accordance with subdivision (h) of section one  
50 of article nine of the state constitution.

51 6. a. If the county-wide property tax savings plan shall fail to  
52 obtain the approval of the shared services panel, voting on the plan in  
53 accordance with this section, the chief executive officer of the county  
54 shall resubmit such plan to the shared services panel, in accordance  
55 with the procedures established for first consideration of the plan

1 outlined by this section, no later than August first, two thousand eigh-  
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3 b. Any proposed county-wide shared services property tax savings plan  
4 prepared for reconsideration by the shared services panel, shall follow  
5 the same procedures prescribed in this section for original consider-  
6 ation in two thousand seventeen. No county-wide shared services property  
7 tax savings plan shall be deemed approved, or may be finalized, without  
8 approval of such plan by the shared services panel.

9 c. If the shared services panel approves the proposed county-wide  
10 shared services property tax savings plan for 2018, the chief executive  
11 officer of the county shall finalize any such approved county-wide  
12 shared services property tax savings plan no later than September  
13 fifteenth, two thousand eighteen, and any such plan shall be publicly  
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36		special improvement	improvement
37		districts	districts in the county
38			as well as the number
39			and list of such school districts,
40			BOCES, and special improvement
41			districts with a representative
42			one the panel who voted on
43			such plan)
44	Row 5	2018 Local Government	(insert sum total of property taxes
45		property	levied in the year 2018 by the
46		taxes	county, cities, towns, villages,
47			school districts, BOCES, and
48			special improvement districts
49			within such county)
50	Row 6	2018 Participating	(insert sum total of property taxes
51		Entities property	levied in the year 2018 by the
52		taxes	county, any cities, towns, villages,
53			school districts, BOCES,
54			and special improvement districts
55			identified as participating

1			in the panel in
2			rows one through four above)
3	Row 7	Total Anticipated	(insert sum total of net savings in
4		Savings	such plan certified as being
5			anticipated in calendar year 2019,
6			calendar year 2020, and annually
7			thereafter)
8	Row 8	Anticipated Savings	(insert sum total of net savings in
9		as a Percentage	such plan certified as being
10		of Participating	anticipated in calendar year 2019
11		Entities property	as a percentage of the
12		taxes	sum total in Row 6, calendar
13			year 2020 as a percentage of the
14			sum total in Row 6, and annually
15			thereafter as a percentage
16			of the sum total in Row 6)
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18		to the Average	the savings that the average
19		Taxpayer	taxpayer in the county will
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 41 presentation of the plan no later than October 15, 2018. Public notice  
 42 of such public presentation shall be provided at least one week prior in  
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45 f. Any such finalized property tax savings plan which would have the  
 46 effect of transferring or abolishing a function or duty of the county or  
 47 of the cities, towns, villages, districts or other units of government  
 48 wholly contained in the county, shall not become operative unless and  
 49 until it is approved in accordance with subdivision (h) of section one  
 50 of article nine of the state constitution.

51 7. For the purposes of this part "chief executive officer" means the  
 52 county executive, county manager or other chief executive of the county,  
 53 or where none, the chair of the county legislative body.

54 8. Each county plan may be eligible for one-time funding to match  
 55 savings in such plan, subject to available appropriation. The secretary  
 56 of state shall develop an application, approved by the director of the

1 budget, with any necessary requirements to receive such matching fund-  
2 ing. Savings that are actually and demonstrably realized by the partic-  
3 ipating local governments are eligible for matching funding. For actions  
4 that are a part of an approved plan finalized in 2017, savings from new  
5 actions implemented on or after January 1, 2018 are eligible for match-  
6 ing funding. For actions that are a part of an approved plan finalized  
7 in 2017, savings achieved from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018  
8 are eligible for matching funding. For actions that are a part of an  
9 approved plan finalized in 2018, savings from new actions implemented on  
10 or after January 1, 2019 are eligible for matching funding. For actions  
11 that are a part of an approved plan finalized in 2018, savings achieved  
12 from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 are eligible for matching  
13 funding. Only net savings between local governments for each action  
14 would be eligible for matching funding. Savings from internal efficien-  
15 cies or any other actions taken by a local government without the  
16 participation of another local government are not eligible for matching  
17 funding. Each county and all of the local governments within the county  
18 that are part of any action to be implemented as part of the approved  
19 plan must collectively apply for the matching funding and agree on the  
20 distribution and use of any matching funding in order to qualify for  
21 matching funding.

22 9. Where the implementation of any component of such finalized proper-  
23 ty tax savings plan is, by any other general or special law, subject to  
24 a public hearing, a mandatory or permissive referendum, consents of  
25 governmental agencies, or other requirements applicable to the making of  
26 contracts, then implementation of such component shall be conditioned on  
27 compliance with such requirements.

28 10. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part  
29 of this act shall be adjudged by any court or competent jurisdiction to  
30 be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the  
31 remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,  
32 sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly  
33 involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been  
34 rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that  
35 this act would have been enacted if such invalid provisions had not been  
36 included herein.

37 § 2. School district and board of cooperative educational services  
38 participation in county-wide shared services property tax savings plans.  
39 Notwithstanding any provision of the education law, or any other  
40 provision of law, rule or regulation, to the contrary, any school  
41 district or board of cooperative educational services may participate in  
42 a county-wide shared services property tax savings plan established  
43 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, and may further participate  
44 in any of the activities listed in paragraph a of subdivision 4 of  
45 section one of this act with any participating county, town, city,  
46 village, special improvement district, school district and/or board of  
47 cooperative educational services participating in such county-wide  
48 shared services property tax saving plan.

49 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.