

A bill for an act

relating to state government; allowing creation of a clearinghouse for procurement and shared services examples; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 6.74.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 6.74, is amended to read:

6.74 INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

Subdivision 1. Information generally. The state auditor, or a designated agent, shall collect annually from all city, county, and other local units of government, information as to the assessment of property, collection of taxes, receipts from licenses and other sources, the expenditure of public funds for all purposes, borrowing, debts, principal and interest payments on debts, and such other information as may be needful. The data shall be supplied upon forms prescribed by the state auditor, and all public officials so called upon shall fill out properly and return promptly all forms so transmitted. The state auditor or assistants, may examine local records in order to complete or verify the information.

Subd. 2. Examples of good government in procurement and shared services; clearinghouse. The state auditor may seek funds from nongovernmental sources to establish an online clearinghouse of examples of good government in procurement and shared services among political subdivisions. If established, the clearinghouse shall be designed to allow political subdivisions to submit examples of good government in procurement and shared services in a form prescribed by the state auditor.