



## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 968

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1     **AN ACT to repeal** 46.031 (3), 46.30 (3) (a) 8. and 301.031 (3) of the statutes;  
2           **relating to:** elimination of the requirement for public participation by a citizen  
3           advisory committee or by an alternate process in the formulation of budgets for  
4           services provided or purchased by county departments of social services,  
5           human services, developmental disabilities services and community programs.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, before a county department of social services, human services, developmental disabilities services or community programs (county department) develops and submits a proposed budget to the county executive or county administrator or to the county board of supervisors, the county department must assess needs and inventory resources and services by use of an open public participation process. As part of this process, a citizen advisory committee that is established by the county board of supervisors must advise in the formulation of the budget. However, if the department of health and social services (DHSS) approves a report that is submitted to DHSS by a county board of supervisors on an open public participation process that is used to assess needs and inventory resources and services, the citizen advisory committee need not be established. Each county department must, by December 31 annually, submit the county department's final budget to DHSS. DHSS, in turn, must, by May 1 annually, submit to county departments a model of a proposed written contract containing the allocation of funds and administrative requirements, and must, annually, submit the final contract to each county board of supervisors for approval. Membership on citizen advisory committees, as appointed by the county boards of supervisors, must include representatives of persons receiving services, service providers and citizens, and a member of the governing or administrative board of the community action agency that serves the county, if any, and may not consist of more than 25% county supervisors nor of more than 20% service providers.

