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Governor's Veto Message
(07/24/2003)

2003 Senate Bill 15
(vetoed in its entirety)



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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 15 in its entirety. This bill does the following:

- Creates a legislative Joint Survey Committee on State Mandates. The committee will consist of three majority and two minority party senators and three majority party and 2 minority party representatives.
- Provides the Legislature a report concerning each bill that would impose a mandate as well as to review existing mandates and evaluate their desirability as a matter of public policy, cost-effectiveness and financial responsibility.
- Requires the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to identify all mandates, other than mandates that have a minimal fiscal effect, existing on the effective date of the bill and submit that information to the committee by May 1, 2005. The committee shall then introduce a bill in each house repealing each identified mandate that is wholly state-imposed and, according to the committee, has a negative uncompensated effect on local governmental units.
- Additionally, SB 15 stipulates that if a bill containing a mandate is enacted after the effective date of this bill and does not provide funding or method for reimbursement to local units of government, the bill may not be enforced until the required appropriation is provided.

Senate Bill 15 is unnecessary. It duplicates existing efforts and processes that the Legislature possesses to review existing laws and new proposals. The bill creates another layer of bureaucracy at a time when state government needs to become more efficient.

While the intent of this bill may have been to provide relief to local units of government, this bill neither provides aid nor repeals any mandates. I look forward to working with the Legislature on legislation that would repeal specific mandates and provide real relief to local units of government.

Respectfully submitted,


JIM DOYLE
Governor