Local Government Mandate Statement
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:   __209__

Bill #:   SB 165 GA

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Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to publication.

Sponsor: Senator Whitney Westerfield.

Unit of Government: __X__ City   __X__ County   __X__ Urban-County

                      __X__ Charter County   __X__ Consolidated Local   __X__ Unified Local Government

Office(s) Impacted: Information Technology Staff

Requirement: __X__ Mandatory ____ Optional

Effect on
Powers & Duties: ____ Modifies Existing   __X__ Adds New   ____ Eliminates Existing

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

KRS 424.145 provides that a local governments may satisfy requirements related to the publication of an advertisement by utilizing a Web site.

SB 165 GA will require that a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) used by local governments in conjunction with their Web site be no more than fifty characters and shall include terms that are easily comprehensible.

The fiscal impact of SB 165 GA on local governments is expected to be minimal, if any. The naming of a site and if necessary, the shortening of a current URL to less than fifty characters can probably be done in house by the local government's information technology (IT) personnel.

However, if IT services are contracted out, or if an outside "link-shortening service" is needed, there might be minor cost associated with that. An online search of URL shortening programs and services show that several are available free of charge.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

SB 165 GA keeps the provisions of SB 165 as introduced with the following change per Floor Amendment 1:
-   Changes the maximum characters allowed in a Uniform Resource Locator from thirty to fifty. This will be less of a challenge to internal or external IT departments.

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