

Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government
General Information

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Authorization	S.L. 2011-291 created this Committee as a standing, statutory interim study committee, Article 20 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes.
Purpose	<p>Review and monitor local government capital projects that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Require review by the Local Government Commission (LGC).• Require debt to be issued that exceeds \$1,000,000.
Exceptions	The Committee's directive does not apply to capital projects related to schools, jails, courthouses, and administrative buildings. By its nature, the directive applies only to new projects, not to the refunding of existing projects.
Oversight	The Committee has the statutory authority to review and monitor local government capital projects for which debt is issued. It does not have the authority to approve or reject a local government capital project or the financing for a project. The Committee's objection to a project or the financing for a project, as well as a local unit's failure to comply with the reporting directive, does not invalidate the financing vehicle for a project.
Local Unit Responsibility	<p>A local unit seeking financing before the LGC for a capital project that is subject to the Committee's oversight must submit a letter to the Committee at least 45 days prior to its presentation before the LGC. The letter must include all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Description of the project.• Debt requirements of the project.• Means of financing the project.• Source of repayment for the project.
Committee Staff Responsibility	Post all letters received from local government units on the Committee's website. E-mail a notice of the projects for which the Committee has received a letter 30 days prior to a meeting of the LGC. The notice must be sent to the following members: Committee members, the Speaker of the House, the President <i>Pro Tempore</i> of the Senate, and the minority leaders of both houses. The notice must contain a link to the letters the Committee has received from the local government units.
Committee Responsibility	Contact Committee staff for more information if desired. Contact Committee Chairs if the member has a concern or question about a particular project.
Committee Action	The Committee Chairs may call a meeting to review one or more particular projects; it may send the LGC a letter of objection or support for a particular project; it may ask to speak at a meeting of the LGC on a particular project; and it may propose legislation needed to implement a recommendation of the Committee.