

HB 1019 -- Public Services Standards for Distressed
Municipalities in St. Louis County

Sponsor: Diehl

This bill requires a distressed municipality in St. Louis County to provide a minimum level of public services including emergency telephone service; police protection 24 hours per day, seven days a week; construction code enforcement review; adequate street maintenance; and weekly waste and recycling collection and requires a balanced annual budget and an annual audit. A distressed municipality is any city, town, or village designated as Group B under the county sales tax laws in Sections 66.600 - 66.630, RSMo.

If a distressed municipality fails to provide any of the required services or meet the budget and audit requirements, the governing body of the county can petition an appropriate court to withhold the Group B sales tax revenue until the noncompliant municipality develops and adopts a plan to provide all the required services or to authorize the county to administer the Group B sales tax revenue on behalf of the municipality to provide the services.