

Mandate Review Request #2012110004

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Name of Local Government: Public Schools of the Tarrytowns
Type of Local Government: School District
County: Westchester

Name of Mandate: No mandate currently exists

Type of Mandate: Statute

Citation for Mandate: No mandate currently exists

Description of Mandate: Under the Taylor Law, local government agencies lack sufficient discretion in controlling increases in employee health insurance costs.

Recommended Change: Using the same approach that was taken via the APPR legislation in mandating that teachers contracts be negotiated to conform with the provisions of that legislation, the Governor should prepare a program bill for submission to the state legislature capping school district contributions to employee health insurance premiums at a level equal to the lowest contribution percentage paid by the state for any category of full-time state employee.

Estimated Savings from the Recommended Change to the Local Government: \$527,000 (.8% of total school budget)

Estimated Statewide Savings from the Recommended Change: 8% of total health insurance costs on average, comparable % of total budget as % calculated for Tarrytowns

Description of Methodology Used in Estimating Savings: Current statewide average school employee contribution to health insurance is approximately 12% based on NYSSBA data, which happens to be the average rate in the Tarrytowns School District. Savings represents 8% increase in employee contributions needed to hit an estimated average state employee contribution level of 20%.