

# **AID TO LOCALITY**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### **Compensation Board**

The Compensation Board budgets set on May 1, revised on June 1 to show unfunded positions, have not changed. These are posted on the Compensation Board's website. Aid to Localities (ATL) reductions attributed to constitutional officers are a prorated share of the overall statewide \$60 million reduction, based upon a different base of funds than that set in budgets for constitutional officers by the Compensation Board. The difference in the base used for ATL is not indicative of any change to the base budget set by the Compensation Board. The differences between CB budgets and the base used for ATL reductions are as follows:

- ATL Base excludes the salary and related fringe benefits that will be paid for the elected constitutional officer or appointed finance director;
- ATL Base includes only the REIMBURSABLE portion of remaining salaries and budgeted funds, including fringe benefits, based upon the Compensation Board budgeted amounts (note that for Treasurers, Commissioners of the Revenue and Finance Directors the reimbursable portion is approx. 50% of the budgeted amount);
- ATL Base excludes the amounts recovered from reimbursements for the local share of premiums for liability insurance, surety bond, and retiree health care credit;
- ATL Base includes the amount of premiums for liability insurance and surety bond still paid by the Compensation Board and not recovered from localities;
- ATL Base excludes salaries and fringe benefits of positions for new or expanded jail capacity anticipated to only be open for a portion of FY11.

### **Department of Criminal Justice Services**

**Question:** Were the program titles reversed between the funding provided for police departments (HB 599 Program) and the funding provided for the administration of justice services (Comprehensive Community Corrections Act and the Pretrial Services Act)?

**Answer:** Yes, the titles were accidentally reversed. This has been corrected for all impacted localities. This action did not change the total dollar reduction amount for any locality.