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The House Committee on Labor passed [Senate Bill 1072](#) and [House Bill 6154](#) on Wednesday, which will expand binding arbitration to county employees and increase costs on local units of government. This costly mechanism often results in unsustainable contract awards for county employees.

While both pieces of legislation have been cloaked as 'reforms', the latest buzzword in Lansing, they actually will unnecessarily add to the price of government, thus creating yet another unfunded mandate on local government. HB 6154 will increase the cost of running local jails as county jail employees will now be guaranteed binding arbitration. SB 1072 inadvertently adds civilian 911 dispatchers to the groups that receive this rare benefit, *but the committee refused to correct this obvious and glaring mistake in the legislation.*

Taxpayers' dollars are already stretched thin enough. With reductions in revenue sharing and other local revenue, this will mean more burdens on shrinking resources. Ironically, while this 'reform' also purports to help county workers, it would likely result in additional layoffs of county workers. The bill now goes to the house floor for further consideration possibly as early as this afternoon or next week. **MAC will have updates as they become available. Please consider talking to your representative and urging them to vote no on HB 6154 and SB 1072 as they will increase costs for counties!**

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