

## Department of State Treasurer

### Response to Questions from JLOC Gen Gov on January 30, 2024

1. Could you provide an updated Unit Assistance List?

LGC staff will publish a Unit Assistance List in April. This new UAL will incorporate a new data-driven approach to assessing units and will include factors as directed by the General Assembly in Session Law 2021-180, Section 36.1.(a) including economic and demographic factors.

2. How does the LGC coordinate with the county during the financial takeover process?

Coach Team staff does not typically collaborate with counties in which UAL units are located related to the concerns about those units. However, staff will collaborate with, or assist a unit in collaborating with, the county in which a UAL unit is located in some specific cases. For example, if there are resources that the county could provide or assist with (e.g. tax collection), or if the unit is facing any issues receiving information from the county (e.g. assessed property value).

3. Which local governments are the ‘repeat offenders’, and what is the LGC’s remedy for this?

Coach Team staff focuses on providing assistance to units on the UAL and on assisting them in addressing the challenges which have led to their inclusion on the UAL. Even with this assistance, some units struggle to meet their financial or fiscal management obligations. For counties or municipalities that repeatedly fail to submit timely audits, the LGC has new authority to direct that a portion of sales tax distributions be withheld (see [S299v3.pdf \(ncleg.gov\)](#)).