



Kentucky and GASB Statement No. 77

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Who in state government is most likely to influence GASB 77 disclosure?

Controller Ed Ross and Division of Local Government Services Director J.W.

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The Controller [reports to](#) the Secretary of Finance and Administration, a cabinet level position. The Controller is the Commonwealth's Chief Accounting Office, though their role is almost exclusively focused on overseeing state government and state agencies. The [Division of Local Government Services](#) is housed within the Controller's office and provides financial, payroll, personnel, administrative and social security coverage services to local governments.

Who commented on the Exposure Draft from Kentucky?

- The Kentucky Center on Economic Policy joined two other state fiscal policy organizations and a small business organization in a joint [comment](#) calling for disclosure of personal income tax diversions.

How many counties, municipalities and school districts in the state are required to conform with GAAP and therefore GASB Statements?

According to a GASB's [State and Local Government Use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for General Purpose External Financial Reporting](#) (published March 2008) all of Kentucky's 176 school districts and 345 of 424 municipalities are required by state law to use GAAP accounting (79 municipalities fall beneath the \$75,000 a year in spending and are thus excluded). None of the state's 119 counties are required to use GAAP and most prepare financial statements on a cash basis.

Which state office collects CAFRS from counties/cities/school districts?

It does not appear that any state office collects annual financial statements from local governments, nor does the Commonwealth's Department of Education collect financial reports from school districts.

The Commonwealth's Auditor of Public Accounts does perform a very limited number of targeted audits of [local government agencies](#) and [school districts](#), however, financial reports do not appear to be attached to the publicly available audit opinions.

Does the state government or do academic/NGO institutions provide technical assistance on GAAP, GASB or completing CAFRs?

The Controller's Office publishes a [quarterly newsletter](#) dealing with a range of accounting topics, but does not appear to deal with advice on completing financial reports or timely GASB topics.

Does state government monitor fiscal stress within county/municipality/school district?

Kentucky does not [monitor fiscal stress](#) among local governments.

Which state office is responsible for completing state's CAFR?

Kentucky's Finance and Administration Department completes the state's CAFR.

When was most recent CAFR filed?

Kentucky's fiscal year ends on June 30th. Its most recent [CAFR](#) was published on December 14, 2016.

Based on what we know about past filing behavior, when will GASB 77 start appearing in Kentucky?

- **State government:** Mid-December 2017
- **Largest cities:**
 - [Louisville](#): late-December 2017
 - [Lexington](#): mid-November 2017
 - [Bowling Green](#): early-November 2017

- **Largest counties:**
 - [Louisville](#): files w Louisville – late-December 2017
 - [Lexington](#): files w Lexington – mid-November 2017
 - [Kenton County](#): files spreadsheets of financial data but no narrative annual report.
- **Largest School Districts**
 - [Jefferson County](#): late-October 2017
 - [Fayette County](#): mid-November 2017

For more information on GASB 77, visit: <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/gasb>

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