

## **Zone to State Opt-In Governance Process and Timeline**

1. A BILL would need to be introduced during the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly that would permit the human service zone to opt in to state employment.
2. Host zone county commission shall provide notice of intent to DHS and non-host county commission(s) by 1/1/2024 of the host zone county commission's intent to opt in to state employment for zone team members.
3. DHS, by 3/1/2024, shall provide an estimated indirect cost each county making up the zone will be expected to pay and how indirect costs will be calculated going forward, contingent upon sufficient appropriation for DHS.
4. All county commissions of the counties making up the zone shall vote to formalize the request to opt in to state employment for zone team members by 4/1/2024.
5. If county commissions of the counties making up the zone is unanimous, by majority vote in each county commission, the host zone county commission shall provide notice to DHS by 5/1/2024 of the decision to opt in to state employment for zone team members.
6. If county commissions of the counties making up the zone is not unanimous, by majority vote in each county commission, the host zone county commission shall provide notice to DHS that the host zone county commission is withdrawing their notice of intent to opt in to state employment for zone team members by 5/1/2024.
7. DHS shall work with identified affected agencies (Examples include: Office of Attorney General, Office of Management and Budget, Public Employees Retirement System, etc.) regarding potential impact to those agencies' appropriations and FTEs and any required statutory changes if it receives notice from the host zone county commission pursuant to #5 above.
8. The transition would be contingent upon approval from the 69<sup>th</sup> legislative assembly, sufficient appropriation for all impacted agencies, statutory changes, sufficient FTE's for the affected agencies, and DHS approval. The anticipated transition date would be 7/1/2026, if approved by the legislative assembly.
9. The transition would still require the counties to continue to be responsible for indirect costs and payment would be made directly to the state. The county's share of indirect costs would be paid from the county's general fund.
10. DHS shall be responsible for securing office space, administrative support, etc.
11. The host zone county commission would have until 5/1/2024 to withdraw its request to opt in to state employment for zone team members.
12. If any timeline is not met by the host zone county commission, the request to opt in to state employment will not be considered during the 2025-2027 biennium.