

SAM - BUDGETING

SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

6609

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In a sense, savings result from what might be called "negative mandates", since local governments are relieved from doing something they were previously required to do. The same basic estimating methodology as set forth in SAM Section 6607 can be employed to determine local savings in state regulations. In fact, it should be relatively simple to derive estimates of savings since affected local governments must be able to identify what they are doing and what the associated costs are. The discretionary savings must also be identified since the state would be providing local governments with the option, if they choose to take it, to reduce the cost of government.