Overview

This bill converts the metropolitan council from a political subdivision of the state to a state agency, effective July 1, 2001. It prohibits the council from levying any property taxes after 2000. It directs the council and various state agencies to work together on the transition.

Section

1. **State agencies; designation by type.** Provides for a separate definition for the metropolitan council in the section of statute that defines what is a "department," "committee," "council," "legislative commission," "authority," or "advisory task force."

2. **Creation.** Strikes the language that defines the metropolitan council as a public corporation and political subdivision of the state and defines it as an agency in the executive branch. Retains the same structure for the council.

3. **Budget.** Changes the requirement that the council prepare a budget from one each year to only the year 2000.

4. **Tax levy.** Changes the levy authority from each year to only in the year 2000.

5. **Within transit taxing district.** Changes the levy authority from each year to only in the year 2000.

6. **Transition.** Declares the metropolitan council a state agency in the executive branch as of July 1, 2001. Prohibits the council from levying any property tax after levy year 2000. Requires the council to cooperate with other state agency commissioners in disposing of levy proceeds, preparing a budget as a state agency, and resolving facility and other property and contract matters. Requires the council to cooperate with the commissioner of transportation regarding transportation responsibilities of the council. Requires recommendations to the legislature by November 30, 2000. Provides for statutes governing financing and administration of state government to apply to the extent possible to the council as a state agency.

7. **Application.** Seven-county metropolitan area.
Effective date. Sections 1 to 5 and 7 are effective July 1, 2001. Section 6 is effective July 1, 2000.