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Directs the municipal research council to contract for the provision of research and services to special purpose districts. A contract for at least three FTEs shall be made with a state agency, educational institution, or private consulting firm, that in the judgment of council members is qualified to provide such research and services.

Declares that research and services to special purpose districts shall consist of: (1) Studying and researching issues relating to special purpose district government; and

(2) Furnishing legal, technical, consultative, and field services to special purpose districts concerning issues relating to special purpose district government.

Requires that the activities, programs, and services of the municipal research council to special purpose districts shall be carried on in cooperation with the associations representing the various special purpose districts. Services to special purpose districts shall be based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research council from the special purpose district research services account under this act.