

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 746



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO STATE AGENCY ORGANIZATION, HIRING AND AUDIT PROCEDURES TO INCREASE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) reestablish the Legislative 2 Program Review and Investigations Committee; (2) impose 3 consequences for state agencies that do not submit mandated reports; 4 (3) reestablish the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes; (4) 5 require state agencies to provide detailed information on vacancies that 6 have existed for eight months or more to the joint standing committee 7 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to 8 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies; (5) require each state 9 agency to provide an organizational chart of such agency to the joint 10 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of 11 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and

- 12 government administration; (6) require agencies to submit reports
- 13 concerning staff levels and hiring; (7) transfer responsibility for state
- 14 hiring from the Department of Administrative Services to the individual
- 15 agencies; (8) require public hearings be held on all audit reports; and (9)
- 16 increase criminal penalties for ethical violations of state employees and
- 17 public agency officials.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve state government efficiency and oversight by reestablishing the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee and Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes, making various revisions to provisions concerning state agency organization, hiring and audits and increasing criminal penalties for certain ethical violations.