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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to state government; creating
s. 11.074, F.S.; amending s. 120.54, F.S.;
requiring consideration of the impact of
legislation and rulemaking on families;
requiring impact statements; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 11.074, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

11.074 Assessment of impact of legislation on
families.--Before enacting any general or special law, each
house of the Legislature must consider the impact of the
proposed legislation on the formation, maintenance, and
general well-being of families consisting of those related by
blood, marriage, or adoption and living together. An impact
statement that assesses the potential effects of the proposed
legislation in light of the following questions must be
written and made available to the public:

(1) In what ways would this legislation strengthen the
stability of the family?

(2) Would this legislation strengthen the authority or
rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision
of their children?

(3) Would the proposed benefits of this legislation
justify its impact on the family budget?

(4) What message, intended or otherwise, would this
legislation send to the public concerning the status of the
family?

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2 A general law or special law shall not be declared invalid for
3 failure to comply with this section.

4 Section 2. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of
5 section 120.54, Florida Statutes, to read:

6 120.54 Rulemaking.--

7 (2) RULE DEVELOPMENT; WORKSHOPS; NEGOTIATED
8 RULEMAKING.--

9 (e) Each agency, before adopting, amending, or
10 repealing a rule or formulating and implementing a policy,
11 must consider the impact of the proposed rule or policy on the
12 formation, maintenance, and general well-being of families
13 consisting of those related by blood, marriage, or adoption,
14 and living together. An impact statement that assesses the
15 proposed rule or policy in light of the following questions
16 must be written and made available to the public:

17 1. In what ways would this rule or policy strengthen
18 the stability of the family?

19 2. Would this rule or policy strengthen the authority
20 or rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and
21 supervision of their children?

22 3. Would the proposed benefits of this rule or policy
23 justify its impact on the family budget?

24 4. What message, intended or otherwise, would this
25 rule or policy send to the public concerning the status of the
26 family?

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1998.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Legislature and state agencies to consider the impact of legislation or rulemaking on the formation, maintenance, and well-being of families. Requires impact statements to be written and made available to the public.