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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Revenue Estimating
Conference; amending s. 216.136, F.S.;
prescribing duties of the conference with
respect to notice, recording meetings and
sessions, and receiving public comment;
requiring certain documentation relating to the
performance of the conference's duties;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 216.136, Florida
Statutes is amended to read:

216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and
principals.--

(3) REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE.--

(a) Duties.--The Revenue Estimating Conference shall
develop such official information with respect to anticipated
state and local government revenues as the conference
determines is needed for the state planning and budgeting
system. Any principal may request the conference to review
and estimate revenues for any trust fund.

(b) Principals.--The Executive Office of the Governor,
the director of the Division of Economic and Demographic
Research of the Joint Legislative Management Committee, and
professional staff of the Senate and House of Representatives
who have forecasting expertise, or their designees, are the
principals of the Revenue Estimating Conference. The
responsibility of presiding over sessions of the conference
shall be rotated among the principals.

1 (c) Sessions and meetings; records; reports.--All
2 sessions and meetings of the Revenue Estimating Conference
3 shall be properly noticed, open to the public, and promptly
4 recorded as provided in chapter 286. The Revenue Estimating
5 Conference shall prepare an agenda in the time and manner
6 prescribed for notice of legislative committee meetings and
7 shall provide for public comment as to the issues set forth in
8 that agenda. When the Revenue Estimating Conference attributes
9 a fiscal impact to proposed legislation or amendments thereto,
10 the conference shall prepare a written explanation that
11 describes the methodology used and all assumptions upon which
12 the attribution was based, including the conference's
13 assumptions with respect to the state of the existing law and
14 the effect of the proposed changes to it.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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18 SENATE SUMMARY

19 Requires the Revenue Estimating Conference to give notice
20 of its meetings and sessions, to record its meetings and
21 sessions, to prepare an agenda, and to provide for public
22 comment as to issues included on the agenda. Requires
23 the conference to prepare a written explanation,
24 describing methodology and assumptions used, when it
25 attributes a fiscal impact to proposed legislation or
26 amendments to it.
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