

By Representative Posey

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state finances; providing a  
3           short title; requiring each state agency to  
4           submit with its final legislative budget or  
5           program request a summary of all moneys that  
6           were spent by or otherwise passed through the  
7           agency during the preceding fiscal year;  
8           providing requirements for such summary;  
9           providing for a reduction in funding for  
10          failure to submit such summary or for  
11          submission of a summary that does not meet the  
12          established requirements; providing an  
13          effective date.

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15           WHEREAS, polls frequently reveal that taxpayers and  
16          legislators believe state government does not wisely spend the  
17          moneys appropriated to it, and

18           WHEREAS, taxpayers and legislators often have no way of  
19          knowing the actual cost of state-funded goods or services, and

20           WHEREAS, some state agencies appear to be unable to  
21          provide taxpayers or legislators with the precise costs of the  
22          goods and services they provide, and

23           WHEREAS, the state has adopted a performance-based  
24          budgeting program that cannot accurately assess performance or  
25          determine whether the budgeting criteria used are reasonable  
26          because the information currently provided by many state  
27          agencies is insufficient, and

28           WHEREAS, in an effort to promote better accountability  
29          of taxpayers' money, the Legislature determines that it is  
30          necessary to establish the reporting procedures set forth in  
31          this act, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Outcome-Based Unit-Cost Accountability Act."

Section 2. Each state agency must submit to the Legislature and to the Governor with its final legislative budget or program budget request submitted under s. 216.023 or s. 216.0235, Florida Statutes, as applicable, a summary of all moneys that were spent by or otherwise passed through the agency during the preceding fiscal year. All such spending or handling must be divided into major product or service categories and further expressed in unit costs, and the unit-cost totals must be equal to the total amount of moneys that were spent by or otherwise passed through the agency. At the regular session immediately following the submission of such budget and program budget requests, the Legislature shall reduce in the General Appropriations Act for the ensuing fiscal year, by an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the allocation for the fiscal year preceding the current fiscal year, the funding of each state agency that fails to submit the summary required by this section or that submits a summary that does not meet the requirements of this section.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the year in which enacted.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires each state agency to submit with its final legislative budget or program budget request a summary of all moneys that were spent by or otherwise passed through the agency during the preceding fiscal year, and provides requirements for such summary. Provides for a reduction in funding for failure to submit such summary or for submission of a summary that does not meet the established requirements. See bill for details.