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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state administration;
3 providing a short title; requiring the State
4 Board of Administration, boards operating under
5 the authority of the state, and state agencies
6 to refinance outstanding bonds under certain
7 circumstances; requiring quarterly reporting of
8 bond issuance and refunding activities to the
9 Legislature; authorizing state agency heads for
10 the remainder of the current fiscal year to
11 renegotiate contracts to reduce contract
12 provisions by up to 5 percent under certain
13 circumstances, subject to notice, review, and
14 approval as specified in s. 216.177, F.S.;
15 providing that savings resulting from such bond
16 refinancing and contract renegotiation shall be
17 redirected into certain current year budget
18 categories in proportion to the cuts made to
19 those areas in the 2001 Special Session C
20 Supplemental Appropriations Act; providing for
21 expiration of such provisions; requiring state
22 agencies to propose administrative efficiencies
23 to the Legislature prior to the start of each
24 regular session of the Legislature; providing
25 an effective date.

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

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29 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Citizens'
30 Government Efficiency Act of 2001."

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1 Section 2. (1) In order to implement the provisions
2 of the act making supplemental appropriations and reductions
3 in appropriations for the 2001-2002 state fiscal year at the
4 2001 Special Session C and notwithstanding any provision of
5 law to the contrary, the State Board of Administration, any
6 other board operating under the authority of the State of
7 Florida, or any state agency that has the authority to issue
8 bonds shall refinance any outstanding bonds of this state if
9 there is opportunity to reduce the interest rate to maximize
10 the cash flow benefit to the state. Any such bond-issuing
11 authority shall report to the Legislature on a quarterly basis
12 all bond issuance and refunding activities of the preceding
13 quarter.

14 (2) In order to implement the provisions of the act
15 making supplemental appropriations and reductions in
16 appropriations for the 2001-2002 state fiscal year at the 2001
17 Special Session C and notwithstanding any provision of law to
18 the contrary, all state agency heads are authorized to
19 renegotiate current state contracts with private providers and
20 public-private providers to reduce contract payments by up to
21 5 percent as long as vital education, health care, and public
22 safety services are not reduced. Final contract modifications
23 pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the notice,
24 review, and approval process specified in section 216.177,
25 Florida Statutes.

26 (3) Savings generated from the refinancing of bonds
27 under subsection (1) and the renegotiation of contracts under
28 subsection (2) shall be redirected by the Legislative Budget
29 Commission into the budget categories of education, health
30 care, and public safety in proportion to the cuts made in
31 those areas by the act making supplemental appropriations and

1 reductions in appropriations for the 2001-2002 state fiscal
2 year at the 2001 Special Session C.

3 (4) This section expires July 1, 2002.

4 Section 3. No later than 1 week prior to the start of
5 each regular session of the Legislature, all state agency
6 heads shall propose statutory or rule changes that would
7 result in savings to their agency's administrative budget.
8 Among other methods, state agency heads shall take into
9 account savings suggestions from outside organizations, such
10 as Florida TaxWatch, the Florida Council of 100, and the Davis
11 Productivity Awards Foundation. In addition, all state agency
12 heads shall establish a place on their agency's website where
13 citizens can recommend agency cost savings.

14 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15 law.

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17 HOUSE SUMMARY

18 Creates the "Citizens' Government Efficiency Act of 2001"
19 to:

20 1. Require, for the remainder of the current fiscal
21 year, the State Board of Administration, boards operating
22 under the authority of the state, and state agencies to
23 refinance outstanding bonds to reduce the interest rate
24 to maximize the cash flow benefit to the state.

25 2. Require, for the remainder of the current fiscal
26 year, quarterly reporting of bond issuance and refunding
27 activities to the Legislature.

28 3. Authorize state agency heads, for the remainder
29 of the current fiscal year, to renegotiate contracts and
30 reduce contract provisions by up to 5 percent under
31 certain circumstances, subject to notice, review, and
approval as specified in s. 216.177, F.S.

32 4. Require the Legislative Budget Commission to
33 redirect savings from such refinancing of bonds and
34 renegotiation of contracts into the current fiscal year
35 budget categories of education, health care, and public
36 safety in proportion to the cuts made in such areas by
37 the 2001 Special Session C Supplemental Appropriations
38 Act.

39 5. Require state agencies to propose administrative
40 efficiencies to the Legislature prior to the start of
41 each regular session of the Legislature.