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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Office of Program Policy
3 Analysis and Government Accountability;
4 providing a short title; requiring the office
5 to report certain economic indicators to the
6 Legislature each year for certain purposes;
7 requiring the office to establish methodologies
8 and assumptions relating to such indicators;
9 requiring the office to develop such economic
10 indicators for certain years; providing an
11 effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Government
16 Yardstick Act."

17 Section 2. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis
18 and Government Accountability shall report, by January 1 of
19 each year, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
20 the House of Representatives the following economic indicators
21 which shall be used to determine the size and impact of the
22 government sector in this state:

23 (a) Spending by the state and local governments, as a
24 percentage of state domestic product, including, but not
25 limited to, grants, subcontracted labor, and all other
26 expenditures of government and quasi-governmental entities.

27 (b) An estimate of the cost of compliance with
28 regulations of the state and local governments as a percentage
29 of state domestic product. Such costs shall be limited to the
30 expenditures for labor, materials, and equipment necessary to
31 comply with such regulations.

1 (c) Total state and local government employment,
2 including, but not limited to, subcontracted labor, expressed
3 in full-time employee equivalents.

4 (d) Total assets of the state and local governments.

5 (e) Total liabilities of the state and local
6 governments, including, but not limited to, public
7 indebtedness.

8 (2) The office shall establish a methodology and
9 appropriate assumptions necessary for the efficient and
10 cost-effective implementation of this act. After establishing
11 a methodology, the office shall use the economic indicators to
12 establish a baseline for the year 2000. Using the same
13 methodology, the office shall prepare the economic indicators
14 for the years 1980 and 1990, including any supplemental
15 assumptions necessary to bridge gaps in available data. Where
16 necessary in the report of economic indicators, qualifying
17 statements may be made to make clear the limitations of the
18 methodology and any resultant range of accuracy.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
20 law.

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23 HOUSE SUMMARY

24 Creates the "Government Yardstick Act." Requires the
25 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
26 Accountability to report specific economic indicators to
27 the Legislature each year for purposes of determining the
28 size and impact of the government sector in this state.
29 Requires the office to establish methodologies and
30 assumptions relating to such indicators and to establish
31 a baseline for the year 2000 and historic baselines for
years 1980 and 1990.