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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state employee salaries; creating s. 110.1081, F.S.; requiring petitioning to and approval by concurrent resolution by the Legislature of the salaries of certain state employees; defining the term "salary"; providing for temporary approval of such salaries by the Legislative Budget Commission; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 110.1081, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

110.1081 Legislative approval for salaries of state employees above a certain range.--

(1) Except as provided herein, no state employee may be approved for an annual salary above \$200,000 without approval of the Florida Legislature. For the purpose of this section, "salary" is defined as wages and all non-health-care benefits, including, but not limited to, housing allowances, personal vehicle allowances, and spouse travel allowances. For all salary requests above \$200,000, agency heads shall petition in writing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall provide a copy of such petition to the minority leader of each house. The petition should provide documentation demonstrating the reasons for the high salary, including, but not limited to, market factors, employment history, and prior salaries. The Legislature may approve the salary by concurrent resolution.



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- (2) During times that the Legislature is not within 30 days of convening in regular session, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may forward the petition to the Legislative Budget Commission for its consideration. If approved, such approval shall only be for the remainder of the fiscal year in which approved and if not approved by the entire Legislature at its next regular session, the employment shall be terminated or the annual salary reduced to \$200,000.
- (3) This section shall not apply to the salaries of medical professionals teaching at state universities.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.