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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to government productivity improvement and  
 3           accountability; creating s. 216.1675, F.S.; providing a  
 4           popular name; providing legislative findings and purpose;  
 5           designating the Executive Office of the Governor as the  
 6           agency responsible for directing the productivity  
 7           improvement and accountability process; requiring the  
 8           Governor's recommended budget to include certain cost-  
 9           saving recommendations; requiring submission of such  
 10          recommendations in legislation, to include an estimate of  
 11          the productivity improvements and cost savings; providing  
 12          responsibility for implementation; requiring inclusion of  
 13          the cost-saving items in the General Appropriations Act;  
 14          restricting use of the funds from such cost savings;  
 15          requiring certain quarterly reports; requiring certain  
 16          cooperation and assistance; providing an effective date.

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 18           WHEREAS, the State of Florida should follow the wishes of  
 19          the taxpayers of the state to improve productivity and cost  
 20          savings in the production and delivery of public goods and  
 21          services, and

22           WHEREAS, there are standard methods and practices that can  
 23          be employed by state government to measure, evaluate, and  
 24          determine productivity and cost savings in the production and  
 25          delivery of public goods and services, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 27          Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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29 Section 1. Section 216.1675, Florida Statutes, is created  
30 to read:

31 216.1675 Productivity improvement and accountability.--

32 (1) This section may be cited by the popular name the  
33 "Florida Productivity Improvement and Accountability Act."

34 (2) The Legislature finds that there is a need to  
35 establish a productivity improvement and accountability process  
36 that is fully integrated with the state budgeting process, the  
37 purpose of which is to provide a vehicle for reviewing and  
38 implementing ideas that improve productivity and reduce the  
39 costs of state government services through the state budgeting  
40 and appropriations processes.

41 (3) In order to carry out this section, the Executive  
42 Office of the Governor is designated as the agency responsible  
43 for the coordination, development, direction, monitoring, and  
44 evaluation of the productivity improvement and accountability  
45 process.

46 (4) As a part of the Governor's recommended budget, the  
47 Governor must include recommendations that can generate cost  
48 savings and productivity improvements without reducing state  
49 government services. These must include estimated timeframes for  
50 implementing the recommendations and preliminary estimates of  
51 the dollar amount of cost savings expected to be realized. These  
52 ideas may originate from any source or productivity and  
53 accountability review forum such as the Office of Program Policy  
54 Analysis and Government Accountability, Florida TaxWatch, the  
55 Auditor General, the Executive Office of the Governor,  
56 legislative committees, executive branch agencies, and private  
57 citizens. The total amount of the annualized estimates of these

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58 specific cost-saving recommendations must equal a minimum of 1  
59 percent of the estimate of net general revenue for the following  
60 budget year.

61 (5) These recommendations must be submitted as a bill for  
62 consideration by the Legislature. The agency responsible for the  
63 service delivery referenced in each recommendation shall be  
64 responsible for implementation. The bill must include an  
65 estimate of the dollar amounts of the productivity improvements  
66 and cost savings, as determined by the applicable consensus  
67 estimating conference.

68 (6) The productivity improvement and cost-saving items  
69 must be placed in the General Appropriations Act, subject to  
70 passage of the bill containing the recommendation.

71 (7) The funds from these specifically identified  
72 productivity improvement and cost-saving recommendations shall  
73 be placed in reserve and may be used to reduce any budget  
74 deficit in recurring general revenue or applied toward the  
75 reduction of state debt.

76 (8) State agencies must report quarterly to the Governor  
77 in a public hearing on their implementation of the productivity  
78 enhancements. The Governor shall report quarterly to the  
79 Legislative Budget Commission in a public hearing on the  
80 progress achieved in implementing the cost savings and revenue  
81 enhancements identified pursuant to this section and shall  
82 identify the amounts put in reserve or applied to reduce state  
83 debt.

84 (9) All state agencies and the judicial branch are  
85 directed to extend maximum cooperation and assistance in the  
86 furtherance of this program.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.