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See HB 1511

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

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23           WHEREAS, the State of Florida should follow the wishes  
24          of the taxpayers of the state to improve productivity and cost  
25          savings in the production and delivery of public goods and  
26          services, and

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

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

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3 Section 1. Section 216.1675, Florida Statutes, is  
4 created to read:

5 216.1675 Productivity improvement and  
6 accountability.--

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

9 (2) The Legislature finds that there is a need to  
10 establish a productivity improvement and accountability  
11 process that is fully integrated with the state budgeting  
12 process, the purpose of which is to provide a vehicle for  
13 reviewing and implementing ideas that improve productivity and  
14 reduce the costs of state government services through the  
15 state budgeting and appropriations processes.

16 (3) In order to carry out this section, the Executive  
17 Office of the Governor is designated as the agency responsible  
18 for the coordination, development, direction, monitoring, and  
19 evaluation of the productivity improvement and accountability  
20 process.

21 (4) As a part of the Governor's recommended budget,  
22 the Governor must include recommendations that can generate  
23 cost savings and productivity improvements without reducing  
24 state government services. These must include estimated  
25 timeframes for implementing the recommendations and  
26 preliminary estimates of the dollar amount of cost savings  
27 expected to be realized. These ideas may originate from any  
28 source or productivity and accountability review forum such as  
29 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
30 Accountability, Florida TaxWatch, the Auditor General, the  
31 Executive Office of the Governor, legislative committees,

1 executive branch agencies, and private citizens. The total  
2 amount of the annualized estimates of these specific  
3 cost-saving recommendations must equal a minimum of 1 percent  
4 of the estimate of net general revenue for the following  
5 budget year.

6 (5) These recommendations must be submitted as a bill  
7 for consideration by the Legislature. The agency responsible  
8 for the service delivery referenced in each recommendation  
9 shall be responsible for implementation. The bill must include  
10 an estimate of the dollar amounts of the productivity  
11 improvements and cost savings, as determined by the applicable  
12 consensus estimating conference.

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

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

21 (8) State agencies must report quarterly to the  
22 Governor in a public hearing on their implementation of the  
23 productivity enhancements. The Governor shall report quarterly  
24 to the Legislative Budget Commission in a public hearing on  
25 the progress achieved in implementing the cost savings and  
26 revenue enhancements identified pursuant to this section and  
27 shall identify the amounts put in reserve or applied to reduce  
28 state debt.

29 (9) All state agencies and the judicial branch are  
30 directed to extend maximum cooperation and assistance in the  
31 furtherance of this program.

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