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

WHEREAS, the state should follow the wishes of the
 taxpayers of the state to improve productivity and cost savings
 in the production and delivery of public goods and services, and

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

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

Section 1. Section 216.1675, Florida Statutes, is created

29 to read:

30 216.1675 Productivity improvement and accountability.--

31 (1) This section may be cited as the "Government
32 Efficiency and Accountability Act."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

83 (9) All state agencies and the judicial branch shall
84 extend maximum cooperation and assistance in the furtherance of

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85 | this program.

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