

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: CS/CS/HB 793 Idea Bank
SPONSOR(S): Government Efficiency & Accountability Council, Hasner and others
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Audit & Performance</u>	<u>5 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>De La Paz</u>	<u>De La Paz</u>
2) <u>Government Efficiency & Accountability Council</u>	<u>13 Y, 0 N, As CS</u>	<u>De La Paz</u>	<u>Cooper</u>
3) <u>Policy & Budget Council</u>	<u>27 Y, 0 N, As CS</u>	<u>Leznoff</u>	<u>Hansen</u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

CS/HB 793 implements idea 100 from the book *100 Innovative Ideas For Florida's Future*. The bill establishes the National Idea Bank within the Florida Legislature. The bill places responsibility for operating and maintaining an Idea Bank Internet website with nationwide access within the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations (LCIR). The website must provide a guided process for citizens and organizations to submit ideas. In addition, the bill provides that the LCIR must:

- Solicit and showcase ideas submitted which subsequently became law, or were otherwise successfully implemented, from across the nation on the website;
- Provide an annual list of the ideas that were the most frequently replicated;
- Organize and present all information to the public and to private organizations in a readily available, systematic and retrievable format; and
- Publicize the existence and use of the Idea Bank.

The bill also requires the LCIR to publish an annual report summarizing the ideas collected during the previous fiscal year. The report must also list the "top ideas" received and submit the report to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the minority leaders of each chamber by September 15th of each year. The report must also be posted on the Idea Bank website.

The bill may have some costs associated with the development and maintenance of the website; however these costs can be absorbed within the existing resources of the Legislature's budget.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

It could be said that this bill provides a means for the promotion of potentially all of the House principles through its provision providing for a centralized location for the collection of policy ideas, and its requirement that initiatives and programs that have succeeded be documented. The extent to which the individual House principles of providing limited government, lower taxes, personal responsibility, safeguarding individual liberty, empowering families, and enhancing public security, are advanced as a result of this bill, will depend on the substance, objective and effectiveness of the individual idea proposals themselves which are subsequently implemented.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

In September of 2005, then Speaker Designate Marco Rubio announced his plan to provide Floridians with a more direct role in proposing, determining and directing the development and implementation of public policy by the Florida Legislature. The plan called for the publication of a book entitled *100 Innovative Ideas For Florida's Future*. Prior to the Legislature's organizational session of 2006, numerous public meetings, called "Idearaisers," were held to propose, discuss and evaluate policy ideas which would be considered for inclusion in the book. In addition, an interactive website www.100ideas.org was established for people to schedule their own idearaisers, submit their ideas for consideration, or review and comment on ideas submitted by others. The published book was released in November of 2006.

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C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Creates the National Idea Bank within the Florida Legislature.

Section 2. Provides and effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

Costs associated with website development and maintenance may be absorbed by the Legislature.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

None

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

The sponsor has indicated his intention to waive providing a statement.

No statement by Council Chair.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On March 7, 2007, the Government Efficiency & Accountability Council passed HB 795 as amended by the strike-all amendment adopted by the Committee on Audit & Performance.

On March 16, 2007 the Policy & Budget Council adopted an amendment which provided that the minority leaders of the House and Senate would also receive the report due on September 15 of each year. The bill as amended was made a council substitute for the council substitute.