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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Policy and
Steering Committee on Ways and Means

1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to governmental operations; requiring

3   state agencies to review existing and proposed

4   contracts for the purpose of reducing contract

5   payments; authorizing agencies to renegotiate

6   contracts; providing for future expiration of such

7   provisions; establishing the policy of the state

8   concerning limitations on travel by state employees

9   for a specified period; providing for certain

10   exceptions; requiring that agencies consider using

11   electronic communications; requiring the Office of

12   Program Policy Analysis and Governmental

13   Accountability, in consultation with the Department of

14   Management Services, to recommend legislation

15   governing the use of cellular telephones and other

16   devices by state employees; requiring the office to

17   examine whether a private entity should be used to

18   recover fraudulent Medicaid claims; requiring the

19   office to examine the use of alternative placements

20   for low-risk inmates; requiring reports to the

21   Legislature by a specified date; providing an

22   effective date.

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

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26   Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the

27   contrary, each state agency shall review existing and proposed

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28 contracts with private providers and public-private providers in

29 an effort to reduce contract payments. It is the statewide goal

30 to achieve substantial savings; however, it is the intent of the

31 Legislature that the level and quality of services not be

32 affected. Each agency may renegotiate contracts consistent with

33 this section. The Legislature intends that its substantive and

34 fiscal committees will review the results of this effort and the

35 effectiveness of each agency in meeting the goal. This section

36 expires July 1, 2009.

37   Section 2. It is the policy of the state that funds

38 appropriated to each state agency which may be used for travel

39 by state employees be limited, until July 1, 2009, to travel for

40 activities that are critical to the state agency's mission.

41 Funds may not be used to pay for travel by state employees to

42 foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff-training

43 activities, or other administrative functions unless the

44 respective agency head has determined that such activities are

45 critical to the agency's mission. Travel for law enforcement

46 purposes, military purposes, emergency management activities,

47 and public health activities is not covered by this section. The

48 agency head, or his or her designee, must consider the use of

49 teleconferencing and other forms of electronic communication to

50 meet the needs of the proposed activity before approving

51 mission-critical travel.

52   Section 3. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and

53 Governmental Accountability, in consultation with the Department

54 of Management Services, shall develop recommended legislation

55 governing the procurement, assignment, and use of cellular

56 telephones and personal digital assistants by state employees

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57 and identify potential cost savings, and shall submit the

58 proposal to the Legislature before March 3, 2009.

59   Section 4. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and

60 Government Accountability shall examine the option of

61 contracting with a private entity to identify and recover

62 fraudulent Medicaid claims on a contingency-fee basis and submit

63 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature before March

64 3, 2009.

65   Section 5. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and

66 Government Accountability shall examine the option of expanding

67 the use of alternative inmate placements, such as work-release

68 and work camps, for low-risk inmates and submit its findings and

69 recommendations to the Legislature before March 3, 2009.

70   Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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