The Florida Senate BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL:	CS/SB 44-A								
INTRODUCER:	Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means and Senator Alexander								
SUBJECT:	Governmental Operations								
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	. COMMITTEE			Statement of Subs					
В	3. AMENDMEN	TS		Amendments were	nents were recommended recommended ments were recommended				

I. Summary:

This bill requires OPPAGA to conduct three policy research projects by March 3, 2009. In addition, state agencies are encouraged to review contracts in order to reduce contract payments. The bill sets forth the policy of limiting travel by state employees for the remainder of the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The CFO is required to review methods to maximize federal funds reimbursement for the state and the DMS is required to conduct an inventory of state-owned surplus property.

This bill creates seven nonpermanent provisions of law.

II. Present Situation:

The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) is an arm of the legislative branch. OPPAGA conducts various research projects for the legislature.

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III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 requires each state agency to review all contracts with private providers and public-private providers in order to reduce contract payments.

Section 2 provides that it is the policy of the state that travel expenses by state employees be limited during the remainder of FY 2008-2009.

Section 3 requires OPPAGA to develop recommended legislation governing the procurement, assignment, and use of cellular telephones and person digital assistants by state employees.

Section 4 requires the Department of Management Services to compile an inventory of state-owned surplus real property with a value in excess of \$1000.

Section 5 requires the CFO to review methods for maximizing federal funds reimbursement for state programs.

Section 6 requires OPPAGA to examine the option of contracting with a private entity to identify and recover fraudulent Medicaid claims on a contingency fee basis.

Section 7 requires OPPAGA to examine the option of expanding the use of alternative inmate placements for low-risk inmates.

Section 8 provides that the act takes effect upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

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C.	Government	Sector	Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

The committee substitute clarifies OPPAGA's responsibilities relating to the wireless communication devices, requires the Department of Management Services to compile an inventory of state-owned surplus real property with a value in excess of \$1000, and requires the CFO to consider methods of maximizing federal funds for the state.

B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.