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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 Government Accountability,  
13    in consultation with the Department of Management  
14    Services, to develop recommendations regarding the  
15    prudent issuance and use of state-owned wireless  
16    communications devices; requiring a report to the  
17    Legislature; requiring the Department of Management  
18    Services to compile a list of and review state-owned  
19    surplus real property of greater than a specified  
20    value; providing requirements for the review;  
21    requiring a report to the Legislature and the  
22    Executive Office of the Governor; requiring that the  
23    Chief Financial Officer consider methods to ensure  
24    that state agencies receive the maximum federal funds  
25    to which the state is entitled; requiring the Chief  
26    Financial Officer to make recommendations to the  
27    Office of Policy and Budget and the legislative  
28    appropriations committees; requiring each state agency  
29    to ensure the receipt of maximum federal funds to

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30 which the agency is entitled based on its current  
31 services; requiring the Office of Program Policy  
32 Analysis and Government Accountability to examine  
33 whether a private entity should be used to recover  
34 fraudulent Medicaid claims; requiring the office to  
35 assess the feasibility of consolidating statewide  
36 pharmaceutical services for state agencies; requiring  
37 the office to examine the use of alternative  
38 placements for low-risk inmates; requiring that the  
39 office submit reports to the President of the Senate  
40 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by a  
41 specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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45 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
46 contrary, each state agency shall review existing and proposed  
47 contracts with private providers and public-private providers in  
48 an effort to reduce contract payments. It is the statewide goal  
49 to achieve substantial savings; however, it is the intent of the  
50 Legislature that the level and quality of services not be  
51 affected. Each agency may renegotiate contracts consistent with  
52 this section. The Legislature intends that its substantive and  
53 fiscal committees will review the results of this effort and the  
54 effectiveness of each agency in meeting the goal. This section  
55 expires July 1, 2009.

56 Section 2. It is the policy of the state that funds  
57 appropriated to each state agency which may be used for travel  
58 by state employees be limited, until July 1, 2009, to travel for

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59 activities that are critical to the state agency's mission.  
60 Funds may not be used to pay for travel by state employees to  
61 foreign countries, other states, conferences, staff-training  
62 activities, or other administrative functions unless the  
63 respective agency head has determined that such activities are  
64 critical to the agency's mission. Travel for law enforcement  
65 purposes, military purposes, emergency management activities,  
66 and public health activities is not covered by this section. The  
67 agency head, or his or her designee, must consider the use of  
68 teleconferencing and other forms of electronic communication to  
69 meet the needs of the proposed activity before approving  
70 mission-critical travel.

71 Section 3. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
72 Government Accountability, in consultation with the Department  
73 of Management Services, shall develop recommendations regarding  
74 the prudent issuance and use of state-owned wireless  
75 communications devices, including wireless telephones, personal  
76 digital assistants, and other electronic devices. In developing  
77 these recommendations, the office shall consider, at a minimum:

78 (a) The need for the wireless communications device;  
79 (b) The need for the employee to be available via such  
80 wireless communications device;

81 (c) The accountability for issuance of wireless  
82 communications devices;

83 (d) The possibility of sharing wireless communications  
84 devices;

85 (e) Methods to reduce the issuance and use of wireless  
86 communications devices;

87 (f) Whether reimbursing employees for calls on personal

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88 wireless telephones might be cost-effective in some instances;

89 (g) What controls are necessary for the prudent management  
90 of such wireless communications devices; and

91 (h) Any available cost-saving measures that could be  
92 considered.

93 (2) The office shall report its findings and estimated cost  
94 savings to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
95 House of Representatives by March 3, 2009.

96 Section 4. The Department of Management Services shall  
97 compile a list of all state-owned surplus real property that has  
98 a value greater than \$1,000 in order to determine potential cost  
99 savings and revenue opportunities from the sale or lease of  
100 assets. The review shall include a cost-benefit analysis of any  
101 proposed facility disposition, including the facility's current  
102 operating expenses, condition, projected capital depreciation  
103 costs, and market value, and the effect of the proposed  
104 facility's disposition on the state's financial status,  
105 including the effect on rental rates and the coverage  
106 requirement for bonds. In addition, the review shall identify  
107 current contracts for leased office space in which the leased  
108 space is not fully used or occupied and include a plan for  
109 contract renegotiation or subletting unoccupied space. The  
110 department shall submit a report of its findings and  
111 recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of  
112 the House of Representatives, and the Executive Office of the  
113 Governor by March 3, 2009.

114 Section 5. (1) The Chief Financial Officer, as head of the  
115 Department of Financial Services, shall consider methods to  
116 ensure that state agencies receive the maximum amount of federal

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117 funds to which the state is entitled based on the services it  
118 currently provides. The Chief Financial Officer shall make  
119 initial recommendations to the Office of Policy and Budget and  
120 the legislative appropriations committees by March 3, 2009.

121 (2) Each state agency shall review its operations to ensure  
122 that the state receives the maximum amount of federal funds to  
123 which it is entitled based on the services the agency currently  
124 provides.

125 Section 6. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
126 Government Accountability shall examine the option of  
127 contracting with a private entity to identify and recover  
128 fraudulent Medicaid claims on a contingency-fee basis and submit  
129 its findings and recommendations to the President of the Senate  
130 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by March 3,  
131 2009.

132 Section 7. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
133 Government Accountability shall conduct a review to assess the  
134 feasibility of consolidating statewide pharmaceutical services  
135 for state agencies, including the purchasing, repackaging, and  
136 dispensing of pharmaceuticals. The office shall submit its  
137 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
138 House of Representatives by March 3, 2009.

139 Section 8. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
140 Government Accountability shall examine the option of expanding  
141 the use of alternative inmate placements, such as work-release  
142 and work camps, for low-risk inmates and submit its findings and  
143 recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
144 of the House of Representatives by March 3, 2009.

145 Section 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.