

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to cost-benefit, return-on-investment, and
3 dynamic scoring techniques; creating s. 216.138, F.S.;
4 authorizing the President of the Senate or the Speaker of
5 the House of Representatives to request special impact
6 sessions of consensus estimating conferences to evaluate
7 proposed legislation based on specified techniques;
8 providing for the information used in the evaluations to
9 be available to the public unless otherwise exempt from
10 disclosure; requiring the Office of Economic and
11 Demographic Research to develop protocols and procedures
12 to be used by the consensus estimating conferences when
13 evaluating proposed legislation; establishing minimum
14 requirements; requiring a report to the Legislature;
15 requiring the use of the protocols and procedures
16 following legislative approval until such approval is
17 affirmatively revoked; amending s. 216.133, F.S.;
18 conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act;
19 providing an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Section 216.138, Florida Statutes, is created
24 to read:

25 216.138 Authority to request additional analysis of
26 legislation.—The President of the Senate or the Speaker of the
27 House of Representatives may request special impact sessions of
28 consensus estimating conferences to evaluate proposed

29 legislation based on tools and models not generally employed by
30 the conferences, including cost-benefit, return-on-investment,
31 or dynamic scoring techniques, when suitable and appropriate for
32 the legislation being evaluated. Unless exempt from s.
33 119.07(1), information used to develop the analyses shall be
34 available to the public.

35 Section 2. The Office of Economic and Demographic
36 Research, acting in consultation with the principals of the
37 consensus estimating conferences and after receiving public
38 input, shall develop protocols and procedures necessary to
39 implement s. 216.138, Florida Statutes. At a minimum, the
40 protocols and procedures to be used for evaluating specific
41 proposed legislation shall include cost-benefit, return-on-
42 investment, and dynamic scoring techniques and may include
43 additional, appropriate economic techniques. Additionally, the
44 protocols and procedures must address the format for reporting
45 results and provide proposed linkages to the appropriations and
46 revenue forecasting processes, including any statutory changes
47 that may be needed. The linkages must be consistent with the
48 constitutional requirement for a balanced budget. The office
49 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
50 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
51 Representatives by December 1, 2010. Subject to approval by the
52 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
53 Representatives following the submission of the report, the
54 protocols and procedures shall be used to the extent feasible
55 for the analysis of specific proposed legislation by consensus
56 estimating conferences as provided in s. 216.138, Florida

57 Statutes, unless and until such approval is subsequently
 58 affirmatively revoked.

59 Section 3. Section 216.133, Florida Statutes, is amended
 60 to read:

61 216.133 Definitions; ss. 216.133-216.138 ~~216.133-216.137.~~-
 62 As used in ss. 216.133-216.138 ~~216.133-216.137~~:

63 (1) "Consensus estimating conference" includes the
 64 Economic Estimating Conference, the Demographic Estimating
 65 Conference, the Revenue Estimating Conference, the Education
 66 Estimating Conference, the Criminal Justice Estimating
 67 Conference, the Occupational Forecasting Conference, the Early
 68 Learning Programs Estimating Conference, the Self-Insurance
 69 Estimating Conference, the Florida Retirement System Actuarial
 70 Assumption Conference, and the Social Services Estimating
 71 Conference.

72 (2) "Official information" means the data, forecasts,
 73 estimates, analyses, studies, and other information which the
 74 principals of a consensus estimating conference unanimously
 75 adopt for purposes of the state planning and budgeting system.

76 (3) "Consensus" means the unanimous consent of all of the
 77 principals of a consensus estimating conference.

78 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.