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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Fasano and Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. (1) The Chief Financial Officer shall review and
conduct an analysis of the procurement process for the design,
build, and maintenance of state buildings and facilities. The
Chief Financial Officer shall review, at a minimum:

(a) The contracting procedures for the construction,
maintenance, and renovation of state-owned facilities;

(b) The lines of authority and the areas of responsibility
by all parties involved in the procurement process;



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13 (c) The methodology for the selection of internal fixtures,
14 furnishings, artwork, and any relevant infrastructure systems;
15 and

16 (d) Any identified necessary signatories and approvals for
17 such projects.

18 (2) The Chief Financial Officer shall submit a written
19 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
20 House of Representatives by October 1, 2011. The report must
21 include any recommendations for revising the law or rules
22 designed to promote transparency and accountability in the
23 state's design-build process.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 Delete everything before the enacting clause
29 and insert:

30 A bill to be entitled
31 An act relating to the procurement process for the
32 design, build, and maintenance of state buildings and
33 facilities; requiring that the Chief Financial Officer
34 review and conduct an analysis of the procurement
35 process for the design, build, and maintenance of
36 state buildings and facilities; requiring that the
37 Chief Financial Officer submit a report to the
38 Legislature by a specified date; providing an
39 effective date.

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41 WHEREAS, the First District Court of Appeals Courthouse



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42 located in the Southwood area of Tallahassee, Florida will cost
43 taxpayers over \$70 million dollars when the bonds to finance the
44 development of the courthouse are paid in full; and

45 WHEREAS, the judges of the District Court of Appeals took
46 complete control of the planning and building of the new
47 courthouse without any oversight or transparency; and

48 WHEREAS, the First District Court of Appeals Courthouse has
49 approximately 100 employees in a taxpayer-funded facility that
50 has roughly 100,000 square feet, which gives each employee
51 approximately 1,000 square feet of space. This exceeds the
52 normal limit of 180 square feet of office space that the
53 Department of Management Service typically limits for state
54 employees; and

55 WHEREAS, the judges of the District Court of Appeals
56 directed the architect and project manager of the new courthouse
57 to spend tens of millions of dollars on interior-framed wall
58 hangings, soundproof private bathrooms for the judges, an
59 exercise room, two posh robbing rooms, dozens of large flat-
60 screen televisions, miles of South American Sepalia Mahogany,
61 and granite counter tops; and

62 WHEREAS, the Department of Management Services relinquished
63 its usual building management protocols and gave complete
64 decisionmaking and planning control to two judges of the
65 District Court of Appeals to plan and build what is now known
66 statewide as the "Taj Mahal" courthouse, NOW, THEREFORE,