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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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02/09/2011	.	
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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Fasano) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 13 and 14
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;



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.

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25 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

26 And the title is amended as follows:

27 Delete lines 2 - 4

28 and insert:

29 An act relating to procurement; requiring that the
30 Chief Financial Officer review and conduct an analysis
31 of the procurement process for the design, build, and
32 maintenance of state buildings and facilities;
33 requiring that the Chief Financial Officer submit a
34 report to the Legislature by a specified date;
35 amending s.

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37 WHEREAS, the First District Court of Appeals Courthouse
38 located in the Southwood area of Tallahassee, Florida will cost
39 taxpayers over \$70 million dollars when the bonds to finance the
40 development of the courthouse are paid in full; and

41 WHEREAS, the judges of the District Court of Appeals took



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42 complete control of the planning and building of the new
43 courthouse without any oversight or transparency; and

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

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

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