

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 4151 Governmental Efficiency Hotline

SPONSOR(S): Rooney, Jr.

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1690

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Government Operations Subcommittee		Naf	Williamson
2) State Affairs Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Current law requires the Chief Financial Officer to operate a statewide toll-free telephone hotline to receive suggestions from Florida residents on how to improve governmental efficiency. This bill repeals the program.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

The bill may have a positive fiscal impact on state expenditures.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

Current law requires the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to operate a statewide toll-free telephone hotline (the Get Lean Florida program) to receive information or suggestions from Florida residents on how to improve government operations, increase government efficiency, and eliminate government waste.¹ The Division of Consumer Services of the Department of Financial Services manages both a hotline and a website.²

The CFO must maintain a log of all received suggestions and information. An agency affected by a suggestion or item of information must conduct a preliminary evaluation of its efficacy and must provide the CFO with a preliminary determination of potential revenue savings.³ The CFO does not have enforcement authority to compel the affected agencies to respond.⁴

In 2011, approximately 63 percent of submissions were closed as invalid.⁵ As of December 2011, 48 percent of valid submissions remained open, awaiting a response from the affected agency.⁶

The Department of Financial Services recommends that the Legislature consider repealing the Get Lean Florida program because:

- The CFO does not have the statutory authority to compel affected agencies to respond;
- Many submissions are also submitted to state legislators or to jurisdictional agencies; and
- The resources used to maintain the program may be better used in other capacities.⁷

Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill repeals the Get Lean Florida program.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 repeals s. 17.325, F.S., relating to a governmental efficiency hotline.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

The bill may have a positive fiscal impact due to the elimination of the program.

¹ See s. 17.325, F.S.

² Department of Financial Services memorandum (on file with the Government Operations Subcommittee). See also "Get Lean Florida," <http://www.getleanflorida.com/> (last viewed January 9, 2012).

³ Section 17.325(3), F.S.

⁴ Department of Financial Services memorandum (on file with the Government Operations Subcommittee).

⁵ *Id.* In order to be valid, the submission must be related to improving the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of state government (*id.*).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

Because this bill repeals the Get Lean Florida program, it appears that rule 69J-10.001, F.A.C., will no longer be necessary.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

Not applicable.