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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Elderly Affairs;
3 directing the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
4 Government Accountability to conduct a review and
5 evaluation of the functions of the Department of
6 Elderly Affairs; requiring the office to consult with
7 and obtain the assistance of certain state agencies
8 and to consult with certain stakeholders regarding the
9 review and evaluation; requiring the office to submit
10 a report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the
11 Secretary of Elderly Affairs by a specified date;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Review and evaluation of the Department of
17 Elderly Affairs.-

18 (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
19 Accountability shall conduct a review and evaluation of the
20 Department of Elderly Affairs established under s. 20.41,
21 Florida Statutes. The review and evaluation shall be
22 comprehensive in its scope and, at a minimum, must:

23 (a) Identify the specific purpose of each office, division,
24 program, and function within the department.

25 (b) Identify funding for and the funding sources of each
26 office, division, program, and function within the department.

27 (c) Determine the impact on the workload of each office,
28 division, program, and function within the department of the
29 expiration on October 1, 2013, of certain Medicaid waiver

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30 programs.

31 (d) Determine whether the department may be organized more
32 efficiently and effectively to avoid duplication of activities
33 and ensure that activities are well coordinated, including
34 whether each office, division, program, and its respective
35 functions, mission, goals, and objectives should be revised.

36 (e) Determine whether any department offices, divisions,
37 programs, or functions may be performed more efficiently or
38 effectively by another unit of government.

39 (f) Provide recommendations for the restructuring and
40 relocation of department offices, divisions, programs, and
41 functions.

42 (2) The office shall consult with the Department of Elderly
43 Affairs, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
44 the Department of Financial Services, the Agency for Health Care
45 Administration, the Department of Children and Families, the
46 Department of Health, the Department of Economic Opportunity,
47 and the Justice Administrative Commission. All executive branch
48 agencies are instructed, and all other state agencies are
49 requested, to assist the office in accomplishing the purposes
50 set forth in this section.

51 (3) The office shall consult with interested stakeholders
52 to solicit information and input regarding the review and
53 evaluation of the Department of Elderly Affairs. Consultation
54 with stakeholders may be accomplished through interviews,
55 surveys, or any other manner deemed appropriate by the office.

56 (4) By December 31, 2013, the office shall submit a report
57 of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the
58 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of

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59 Representatives, the chairs of the appropriations committees and
60 of the appropriate substantive committees of the Senate and the
61 House of Representatives, the Legislative Auditing Committee,
62 and the Secretary of Elderly Affairs.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.