By Senator Davis

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to review of compensation for members of the Legislature; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct research, analyze data, and prepare a report containing certain information; requiring the office to submit the report to the Governor and the Legislature by a certain date; providing requirements for the report; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct research, analyze data, and prepare and submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1, 2023, a report containing its findings and recommendations on whether the Legislature should be considered full time, part time, or a hybrid thereof, and whether salary increases for the members of the Legislature are appropriate.

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(2) At a minimum, the report must include:

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(a) An analysis comparing the salaries of the members of the Legislature to the salaries of the members of other state legislatures, with the results compiled in all of the following

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forms:

1. A table ranking each legislative body from highest salary to lowest salary.

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2. A table ranking each legislative body from highest

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salary to lowest salary based on the population size of the state.

- 3. A table ranking each full-time legislative body from highest salary to lowest salary.
- 4. A table ranking each part-time legislative body from highest salary to lowest salary.
- 5. A table ranking each hybrid legislative body from highest salary to lowest salary.
- (b) A table that lists every state legislature and identifies whether the legislature is considered full time, part time, or a hybrid thereof; shows the salaries of the members of every state legislature; and shows the number of days each state legislature meets to conduct official business.
- (c) A table that lists every state legislature and the population of each state and provides the number of days each legislature meets to conduct official business.
- (d) An analysis comparing the amount of per diem, travel expenses, and other allowances or reimbursements members of the Legislature receive to the amount of per diem, travel expenses, and other allowances or reimbursements members of other state legislatures receive.
- (e) An analysis comparing the salaries of the members of the Legislature, the annual budget of the Legislature, and the number of days the Legislature meets to conduct official business to:
- 1. The salaries of the county commissioners in the state, the annual budget of each county commission, and the number of days that each county commission meets to conduct official business.

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2. The salaries of the city commissioners in the state, the annual budget of each city commission, and the number of days that each city commission meets to conduct official business.

- 3. The salaries of the school board members in the state, the annual budget of each school board, and the number of days that each school board meets to conduct official business.
- (3) At a minimum, the recommendations in the report must consider:
- (a) The appropriateness of increasing the salaries of the members of the Legislature. If OPPAGA concludes that the Legislature should increase the salaries of its members, OPPAGA must provide recommendations on when and how the Legislature should implement such changes.
- (b) Whether the Legislature should become a full-time or hybrid legislature, or remain a part-time legislature. If OPPAGA concludes that the Legislature should become a full-time or hybrid legislature, OPPAGA must provide recommendations on when and how the Legislature should make implement changes.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.