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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to review of compensation for  
3       legislators and Cabinet members; requiring the Office  
4       of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
5       Accountability to conduct research, analyze data, and  
6       prepare reports containing specified information;  
7       requiring that such reports be provided to the  
8       Governor and the Legislature by a certain date;  
9       providing requirements for such reports; providing an  
10      effective date.

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

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14       Section 1. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
15 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct research,  
16 analyze data, and prepare and submit to the Governor, the  
17 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives by December 1, 2024, a report containing its  
19 findings and recommendations as to whether the Legislature  
20 should be full-time, part-time, or a hybrid thereof, and whether  
21 salary increases for the members of the Legislature are  
22 appropriate.

23       (2) The report must, at a minimum, include all of the  
24 following:

25       (a) An analysis comparing the salaries of the members of  
26 the Legislature to the salaries of the members of other state  
27 legislatures, compiled in all of the following forms:

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

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30       2. A table ranking each legislative body and salary by  
31 state, from the largest population to the smallest population.

32       3. A table ranking each full-time legislative body from the  
33 highest salary to the lowest salary.

34       4. A table ranking each part-time legislative body from the  
35 highest salary to the lowest salary.

36       5. A table ranking each hybrid legislative body from the  
37 highest salary to the lowest salary.

38       (b) A table that lists each state legislature and  
39 identifies whether the legislature is considered full-time,  
40 part-time, or a hybrid thereof; shows the salaries of the  
41 members of each state legislature; and shows the number of days  
42 that each state legislature meets to conduct official business.

43       (c) An analysis comparing the amount of per diem, travel  
44 expenses, and other allowances or reimbursements members of the  
45 Legislature receive to the amount of per diem, travel expenses,  
46 and other allowances or reimbursements that members of other  
47 state legislatures receive.

48       (d) An analysis comparing the salaries of the members of  
49 the Legislature; the annual budget of the Legislature, from the  
50 largest budget to the smallest budget; and the number of days  
51 the Legislature meets to conduct official business to:

52       1. The salaries of the county commissioners in this state,  
53 the annual budget of each county commission, and the number of  
54 days that each county commission meets to conduct official  
55 business.

56       2. For each of the 25 largest cities in this state, the  
57 salaries of the city commissioners, the annual budget of the  
58 city commission, and the number of days that the city commission

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59 meets to conduct official business.

60 3. For each district school board in this state, the  
61 salaries of each district school board member, the annual budget  
62 of each district school board, and the number of days that each  
63 district school board meets to conduct official business.

64 (e) The rationale provided for instituting full-time  
65 legislative bodies and a cap on the amount of outside income  
66 legislators can earn, while the salaries of the legislators  
67 increased, for all of the following states:

68 1. Alabama.

69 2. California.

70 3. Maine.

71 4. New York.

72 5. Any other state OPPAGA deems relevant.

73 (3) The recommendations in the report must, at a minimum,  
74 consider:

75 (a) The appropriateness of increasing the salaries of the  
76 members of the Legislature. If OPPAGA concludes that the state  
77 Legislature should increase the salaries of its members, OPPAGA  
78 must provide recommendations on when and how the Legislature  
79 should implement such changes.

80 (b) Whether the Legislature should become a full-time or a  
81 hybrid legislature, or remain a part-time legislature. If OPPAGA  
82 concludes that the Legislature should become a full-time or  
83 hybrid legislature, OPPAGA must provide recommendations on when  
84 and how the Legislature should implement such changes.

85 Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
86 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct research,  
87 analyze data, and prepare and submit to the Governor, the

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88 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
89 Representatives by December 1, 2024, a report containing its  
90 findings and recommendations as to whether salary increases for  
91 Cabinet members are appropriate after comparing their salaries  
92 to the salaries of Cabinet members in states with similarly  
93 sized populations.

94 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.