

SENATE BILL No. 376

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Government efficiency commission. Creates the government efficiency commission to investigate and recommend ways of achieving government efficiency and lowering the cost of government. Provides for the appointment of commission members from government and the private sector.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Governmental Affairs and Interstate Cooperation.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
- 2 SECTION, "commission" means the government efficiency
- 3 commission established by subsection (b).
- 4 (b) The government efficiency commission is established to
- 5 develop specific recommendations on the best practices to
- 6 streamline, improve, and consolidate intergovernmental forms and
- 7 procedures of state government for dealings:
- 8 (1) among departments;
- 9 (2) with individuals;
- 10 (3) with businesses; and
- 11 (4) with municipalities.
- 12 (c) The commission shall investigate ways to achieve
- 13 government efficiency and lower costs for taxpayers using
- 14 technology and current best practices that are cost justified. The
- 15 recommendations of the commission should be designed to achieve
- 16 the following:
- 17 (1) Reduce duplication and overlap of governmental
- 18 departments.



- 1 (2) Provide one stop shopping for intergovernmental
2 coordination of forms and procedures.
- 3 (3) Provide procedures that are user friendly for citizens and
4 businesses.
- 5 (d) The commission shall be composed of the following twelve
6 (12) members:
- 7 (1) The chief information officer for the state.
- 8 (2) A representative of the state board of accounts.
- 9 (3) A designee of the lieutenant governor.
- 10 (4) A designee of the secretary of state.
- 11 (5) Four (4) persons appointed by the speaker of the house of
12 representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be of the
13 same political party.
- 14 (6) Four (4) persons appointed by the president pro tempore
15 of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be of the
16 same political party.
- 17 (e) Persons appointed to the commission by the speaker of the
18 house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the
19 senate under subsection (d)(5) and (d)(6) must:
- 20 (1) have practical expertise that qualifies them for service on
21 the commission; and
- 22 (2) come from a business or an academic background.
- 23 (f) The commission shall present a report including specific
24 recommendations to the legislative council not later than December
25 1, 2003.
- 26 (g) The commission shall elect a chairperson from the members
27 of the commission.
- 28 (h) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee
29 is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
30 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Each member is also entitled to reimbursement
31 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other
32 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties
33 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
34 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
35 agency.
- 36 (i) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but
37 is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to
38 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
39 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
40 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
41 procedures established by the Indiana department of
42 administration and approved by the budget agency.

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- 1 **(j) Each member of the commission who is a member of the**
- 2 **general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,**
- 3 **and travel allowances paid to the legislative members of interim**
- 4 **study committees established by the legislative council.**
- 5 **(k) The department of administration shall provide staff for the**
- 6 **commission. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances shall be paid**
- 7 **from appropriations made to the department of administration.**
- 8 **(l) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members**
- 9 **appointed to the commission are required for the commission to**
- 10 **take action on any measure, including final reports.**
- 11 **(m) This SECTION expires January 1, 2004.**
- 12 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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