



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6917**

*January Session, 2001*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELOCATION OF OFFICES FOR STATE AGENCIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) No state agency in the executive branch that  
2 has fifty or more employees in its primary administrative office may  
3 relocate said office, unless (1) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
4 Management submits a report to the speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate, showing  
6 the cost savings or improvement in services to the public from such  
7 proposed relocation and containing a cost-benefit analysis of the  
8 relocation, and (2) the General Assembly approves the proposed  
9 relocation by a majority vote of each house.

10 (b) Not later than five days after receipt of any such report, the  
11 speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the report to the  
12 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
13 of matters relating to government administration and to the joint  
14 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
15 matters relating to said state agency. Said committees shall jointly  
16 conduct a public hearing on the report and recommend approval or  
17 disapproval of the relocation to the House of Representatives and the  
18 Senate. The General Assembly may approve the relocation by a  
19 majority vote of each house or may reject the relocation by a majority  
20 vote of either house, before adjournment of the regular session of the

21 General Assembly during which the report is submitted. If the General  
22 Assembly is not in session when the report is submitted, the General  
23 Assembly shall approve or reject the relocation before adjournment of  
24 the next regular session of the General Assembly or before the  
25 adjournment of a special session convened before said next regular  
26 session for the purpose of considering said report.

27 (c) The cost-benefit analysis in the report required in subsection (a)  
28 of this section shall address the following factors concerning the  
29 proposed relocation of state agency offices: (1) The financial costs and  
30 savings of the relocation, (2) the improvement or reduction in the  
31 quality of state services to the public from the relocation, (3) ease of  
32 public access to the current and relocated offices, (4) hardship to  
33 employees because of the relocation, (5) convenience and efficiency of  
34 employees in meeting with officials from multiple state agencies in  
35 close proximity in the capital region, and (6) the extent to which the  
36 agency is a resource to the capital region.

37 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply in the event of an  
38 emergency, as declared in writing by the Governor, that requires a  
39 relocation due to an imminent threat to the safety of state employees  
40 and which can not be rectified without the relocation.

41 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*