



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 699

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House Bill No. 6993

House of Representatives, May 4, 2005

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION AND THE STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Chief Court
2 Administrator shall review the functions and activities of the Judicial
3 Department in order to assign priority for the continued funding of
4 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any
5 recommendation for legislation to modify such functions and
6 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
7 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
8 budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2006, and annually
9 thereafter.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Chief State's Attorney shall
11 review the functions and activities of the Division of Criminal Justice
12 in order to assign priority for the continued funding of such functions

13 and activities and shall submit findings, including any
 14 recommendation for legislation to modify such functions and
 15 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 16 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
 17 budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2006, and annually
 18 thereafter.

19 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Chief Public Defender shall
 20 review the functions and activities of the Public Defender Services
 21 Commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of
 22 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any
 23 recommendation for legislation to modify such functions and
 24 activities, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 25 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
 26 budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2006, and annually
 27 thereafter.

28 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The chairperson of the State
 29 Marshal Commission shall review the activities of the commission in
 30 order to assign priority for the continued funding of such activities and
 31 shall submit findings, including any recommendation for legislation to
 32 modify such activities, to the joint standing committee of the General
 33 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
 34 the budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2006, and
 35 annually thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The reporting requirements mandated by the bill would not result in additional cost to the agencies because they already report on their budget and programs to the Appropriations Committee on an annual basis.

OFA Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION AND THE STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION.**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the administrative heads of various agencies to review the functions and activities of their respective agencies in order to assess the cost-effectiveness of such functions and activities and assign priority for their continued funding. It requires that they report their findings to the Appropriations Committee by January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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