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Senate Bill No. 846

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR REDUCTIONS IN STATE SERVICES AND ADVANCE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Prior to any major layoff or
2 dismissal of state employees at the recommendation of the Governor,
3 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or a designee
4 shall submit to the General Assembly a written impact statement
5 concerning the effect of such layoff on the affected state agency,
6 department, board or commission and any clients or consumers served
7 by such agency, department, board or commission. For purposes of
8 this section, "major layoff or dismissal" means any layoff or dismissal
9 that results in the loss of at least five per cent of the total positions
10 within an agency, department, board or commission and "state
11 employee" means any employee in the executive, legislative or judicial
12 branch of state government, whether in the classified or unclassified

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - None	None	None
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Potential	Potential
All	Various- Precludes a Savings	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the General Assembly to approve any closure or discontinuation of any state program over \$100,000 due to the economy, insufficient appropriations, change in departmental organization, abolition of positions or layoffs or dismissal of state employees. It is anticipated that Legislative Management may incur increased costs to consider these closures and discontinuations, such potential costs are contingent on the number of items under consideration, the period of time the General Assembly has to consider them, and whether these items can be considered during the regular session or will necessitate a special session, which will further increase these potential costs.

Failure to receive legislative approval to close or discontinue state programs will restrict possible cost savings measures, which may preclude significant savings in a variety of programs.

Finally, the bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to submit a written impact statement to the General Assembly if a significant layoff or dismissal of state workers occurs. It is anticipated that OPM can prepare the required statement, if such

layoffs or dismissals occur, within the normal budgetary resources of the agency.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN STATE SERVICES AND ADVANCE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL
FOR SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires legislative approval to close or discontinue any major state program because of economy, insufficient appropriation, change in departmental organization, abolition of positions, or layoffs or dismissal of state employees. It defines "major state program" as any program the state or any of its agencies, boards, or commissions operate in which the total expenditure exceeds \$100,000 a fiscal year.

The bill also requires, before any governor-recommended major layoff or dismissal of state employees takes place, the Office of Policy and Management secretary, or his designee, to submit to the General Assembly a written impact statement on the effect the layoff or dismissal will have on (1) the affected agency, department, board, or commission and (2) any clients or consumers it serves. A major layoff or dismissal is defined as at least 5% of the total agency positions.

The bill defines a state employee as any employee in the executive, legislative, or judicial service and any employee of a quasi-public agency. The definition excludes judges.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 9 Nay 2

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 13 Nay 7

