



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 1374

Senate, May 4, 2005

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

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

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

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The chairperson of the State Ethics
11 Commission shall review the functions and activities of the
12 commission in order to assign priority for the continued funding of

13 such functions and activities and shall submit findings, including any
 14 recommendations 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 chairperson of the State
 20 Elections Enforcement Commission shall review the functions and
 21 activities of the commission in order to assign priority for the
 22 continued funding of such functions and activities and shall submit
 23 findings, including any recommendations for legislation to modify
 24 such functions and activities, to the joint standing committee of the
 25 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 26 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January
 27 1, 2006, and 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.	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Elect. Enforcement Com.; Ethics Com.; Freedom of Inf. Com.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which requires the chairpersons of the Freedom of Information Commission, the State Ethics Commission, and the State Elections Enforcement Commission to review their functions and activities and report such findings to the General Assembly, has no fiscal impact to the state.

OFA Bill Analysis

SB 1374

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the chairpersons of the Freedom of Information Commission, the State Ethics Commission, and the State Elections Enforcement Commission to review their functions and activities in order to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and benefits of such functions and activities and assign priority for their continued funding. They shall submit their findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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