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Substitute Senate Bill No. 362

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT STREAMLINING STATE GRANT DISTRIBUTION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of
2 Policy and Management shall, within available resources, review the
3 processes for the distribution of all current state grants. The secretary,
4 with the assistance of a facilitator from CONNSTEP or the Labor
5 Department, shall examine the process for each state grant from the
6 commencement of such process until the distribution of the grant and
7 analyze how to streamline the process, better distribute state employee
8 workloads and avoid duplicative or unnecessary steps in the process
9 to achieve cost savings and reduce processing times.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2011, the secretary shall summarize the
11 findings of the review conducted in accordance with subsection (a) of
12 this section and shall identify steps of each grant process that should
13 be eliminated or consolidated and any other improvements needed to
14 streamline the process, and shall submit the applicable

15 recommendations to the agency responsible for distributing each such
 16 grant. Not later than March 1, 2011, the department head of each such
 17 agency shall implement such recommendations and monitor statistics
 18 such as processing times and the number of grants made to measure
 19 any progress made since the implementation of such recommendations
 20 and shall submit such statistics to the Office of Policy and
 21 Management at a time to be determined by the secretary.

22 (c) On or before January 1, 2012, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
 23 and Management shall report to the joint standing committee of the
 24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 25 government administration in accordance with the provisions of
 26 section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but not
 27 be limited to, the summary of the findings of the review, the
 28 recommendations implemented and statistics relating to the amount of
 29 grants processed and any change in processing times since such
 30 implementation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Two references to "the office" were replaced with "the secretary" for consistency.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	65,000	None
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits) ¹	GF - Cost	10,664	None
Various State Agencies	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to review the processes for the distribution of all current state grants, and identify ways to streamline the process by January 1, 2011. OPM will incur costs for one temporary staff member, with half year personnel costs of \$40,000, plus fringe benefits, and a consultant with costs of \$25,000, to perform the reviews required by January 1, 2011.

Additionally, the bill requires agencies to implement the recommendations made by OPM, which may result in costs to modify payment systems. Agencies may experience future cost savings from a streamlined grant payment process.

The requirement that OPM perform the state grant process reviews within available appropriations will likely result in one of four outcomes: (1) OPM will proceed, and require a deficiency appropriation in FY 11; (2) OPM will delay the implementation of the

¹ The estimated non-pension fringe benefit rate as a percentage of payroll is 26.66% which includes health insurance, social security, Medicare, life insurance, and unemployment compensation. Fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs as new positions will not impact the state's pension contribution until FY 12 after the next scheduled actuarial valuation.

bill pending the approval of additional appropriations; (3) OPM will shift resources from other agency priorities to perform the reviews, thereby impacting existing departmental programs; or (4) OPM will not implement the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

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