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and "F"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR STATE AGENCIES, THE PURCHASE OF DATA PROCESSING SERVICES, THE STATE SUGGESTION PROGRAM AND THE COMMITTEE ON UPWARD MOBILITY"

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 223

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| STATE IMPACT | Minimal Cost, Can Be Absorbed, Potential Savings (Future Years), see explanation below |
| MUNICIPAL IMPACT | None |
| STATE AGENCY(S) | Department of Administrative Services, Office of Policy and Management, Comptroller's Office, All State Agencies |

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: The passage of this bill as amended would result in minimal costs that could be absorbed and also potential savings in future years. The bill as amended requires the Commissioner to directly charge the account of any State agency, without prior agency certification, for its expenses for telephone services and related products. Within 30 days the agency must certify to the Comptroller that it used the service or obtained the products represented by the charge. This would have the effect of expediting the payment of Revolving Fund charges by State agencies.

The bill as amended also transfers the Suggestion Award Program from DAS to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). This would result in the transfer of 1 position and about \$66,000. OPM is instructed to review the program in order to improve its effectiveness and report to the General Assembly by January 1, 1993. This results in minimal, absorbable costs. In addition, retired State employees are authorized to participate in the Suggestion Awards program, which could result in indeterminate future year savings.

The bill as amended also requires OPM to develop goals, objectives and program measures for State agencies and to provide an annual report concerning such goals,

objectives and program measures to the General Assembly. This can be done within existing resources.

Senate Amendment "C" specifies and defines the services for which the Commissioner of DAS may charge agencies directly and has no fiscal impact.

Senate Amendment "D" eliminates the section of the original bill that would have abolished the Committee on Upward Mobility and has no fiscal impact. (It should be noted that a section of SHB 5571 as amended by House "A" expands the duties of the Committee on Upward Mobility).

Senate Amendment "E" requires OPM to develop goals, objectives and program measures for State agencies and to provide an annual report concerning such goals, objectives and program measures to the General Assembly. It also requires a report on the Suggestion Award Program to be provided by January 1, 1993. This results in minimal cost that can be absorbed.

Senate Amendment "F" permits retired State employees to participate in the Suggestion Award Program. This results in potential savings in future years that cannot be determined at this time.

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