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and "D"

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 SB 2008

STATE IMPACT	Implements a Provision in the Budget, 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 Suggestion Awards program, funding (\$40,150) and 1 position have been transferred from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) within SA 92-13 (the Appropriations Act).

The bill as amended authorizes the transfer of the Suggestion Awards Program from DAS to OPM and expands it to include retired State employees. This could result in future year savings. There is no funding for awards in the FY 1992-93 budget. The budget requires OPM to review the program in order to improve its effectiveness.

The bill as amended also requires the Commissioner of DAS 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 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 "A" 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 PA 92-165 expands the duties of the Committee on Upward Mobility).

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

Senate Amendment "C" 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.

Senate Amendment "D" 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 a minimal cost that can be absorbed.

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