

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Beyer, Edwards C., Richardson, Riley

Nays: 0

Exc.: Thatcher

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Committee on Performance Excellence. Defines committee mission and performance focus areas. Directs committee to recommend Legislative Assembly approval of grants for continuous improvement projects. Requires committee to make periodic public reports on achievement of performance excellence. Permits committee to support agency efforts to achieve performance improvement. Requires agencies audited by Secretary of State (Secretary) to identify audit recommendations. Requires agency plan for addressing recommendations be reported to committee within three months of date audit report is issued. Authorizes committee to request additional written information or clarification of agency's report. Directs agency to respond to such request within reasonable amount of time. Requires Secretary to supply committee with audit reports made by or for the Division of Audits. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Length of time for agencies to respond to committee about identified audit recommendations
- Ability of committee to follow up with agencies over time
- Committee composition

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Expands committee membership by two specified members. Permits committee to support agency efforts to achieve performance improvement. Requires agencies audited by Secretary of State (Secretary) to identify audit recommendations. Requires agency plan for addressing recommendations be reported to committee within three months of date audit report is issued. Authorizes committee to request additional written information or clarification of agency's report. Directs agency to respond to such request within reasonable amount of time. Requires Secretary to supply committee with audit reports made by or for the Division of Audits.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1039 (2007), which was vetoed by the Governor, would have established the Committee on Performance Excellence. House Bill 3613-A reintroduces some of the same concepts as the vetoed measure but has some differences. The committee's mission under House Bill 3613-A is to assist state agencies in reaching performance excellence by providing policy review, recognition and recommendation for funding of proposals that advance performance excellence in state government. Under House Bill 3613-A, the committee would not develop criteria to select agencies for performance excellence initiatives but would rather establish criteria for submission and review of continuous improvement projects. Additionally, the committee would have 9 members rather than 11 and terms of service would be 2 years rather than 4. House Bill 3613-A would not permit participating agency employees to be appointed as ex-officio committee members as Senate Bill 1039 would have done.

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