

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Hass, Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Walker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Committee on Performance Excellence. Specifies committee membership. Defines committee mission and performance focus areas. Directs committee to recommend Legislative Assembly approval of grants for continuous improvement projects. Requires agencies audited by Secretary of State (Secretary) to identify audit recommendations that present opportunity for continuous improvement. Requires reports to committee on identified audit recommendations. Requires committee to make periodic public reports on achievement of performance excellence. Requires Secretary to supply committee with audit reports made by or for the Division of Audits. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Governor's veto of SB 1039 (2007)
- Representation of front-line workers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Expands committee membership by two specified members. Requires agencies audited by Secretary of State (Secretary) to identify audit recommendations that present opportunity for continuous improvement. Requires report on such recommendations to committee within three months of date audit report is issued. Requires agency plan for addressing recommendations be submitted to committee within six months from date audit report is issued. 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. Senate Bill 1099-A reintroduces some of the same concepts as the vetoed measure, but has differences as well. The committee mission under Senate Bill 1099-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 Senate Bill 1099-A, the committee would not develop criteria to select agencies for performance excellence initiatives but rather would 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 two years rather than four. Senate Bill 1099-A would not permit participating agency employees to be appointed as ex officio committee members as Senate Bill 1039 would have done.