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GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY TASK FORCE

House Bill 6269
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Committee: Appropriations

Complete to 9-26-02

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6269 AS INTRODUCED 9-17-02

The bill would amend the Management and Budget Act to require the governor to establish a government efficiency task force to survey, examine, and evaluate the budget and spending of each state agency to minimize overspending and to ensure greater program efficiency and economy. The task force would be required to submit a comprehensive annual report to the governor summarizing the budget and spending activity of each state agency, and recommending ways to minimize spending and to provide for a more efficient and economical program. The governor would submit the recommendations to the legislature.

The task force would be required to:

- Identify management improvement measures for state agencies.
- Review the management and operation procedures of state agencies.
- Assist state agencies in establishing criteria for evaluation programs.
- Evaluate communication methods between state agencies and the legislature.
- Review the expenditures and delivery of services by each state agency.

In addition, the task force would be authorized to:

- Review federal and state mandates regarding expenditures.
- Review the duplication of services provided by multiple state agencies.
- Research a variety of issues necessary and proper to carry out its functions and duties.

The task force would consist of 15 to 20 members appointed by the governor. The governor would be required to select members who were experienced and well-informed about economic issues from a variety of different sectors of the economy, including business, government, labor, education, health, and media. Members would have to be appointed within 45 days after the bill's effective date, and would serve three-year terms. Members would serve without compensation but could be reimbursed for expenses.

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The governor would be required to call the first meeting of the task force within 60 days after the bill's effective date, and the task force would elect a chairperson. The task force would meet at least quarterly, and it would be subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

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