

BILL SUMMARY
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| Bill No.: | HB 1029XX |
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| Author: | Rep. Echols |
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| Impact: | Cost Estimate for Office To be Determined |

Research Analysis

HB 1029 establishes within the Legislative Services Bureau an Office of Accountability that will consist of 15 staff persons who will serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House and the Pro Tempore of the Senate. Duties of the office include:

- Evaluating the extent to which each agency's budget aligns with its primary responsibilities;
- Forecasting all revenue that will be available to an agency;
- Comparing current-year budget information to prior year requests;
- Investigating the operations of agencies; and
- Evaluating the extent to which agencies adhere to their constitutional and statutory duties.

Salaries for office staff will be determined by the Speaker and Pro Tempore. State agencies are directed to comply with all requests from the office.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure includes provisions whereby the compensation for persons serving within the Office of Accountability are to be determined through a joint agreement by the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Actual costs for the office, including salaries, are to be determined as set forth in the measure.

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Other Considerations

The FY-19 Executive Budget included funding for the Office totaling \$2,000,000.