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Bill Analysis

SB 1399 creates the Federal Funds Oversight Act. The measure directs the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) and a state agency accepting federal funding to submit a report to the, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, Governor, the State Auditor and Inspector, and the State Treasurer prior to accepting federal funding for a program and after disbursement of the funds. The report shall provide a summary of the program, performance metrics, compelling reasons to accept the funding, the amount of new funding, the time frame for the receipt of funds, federal requirements and mandates attached to the funding, a fiscal note, statement as to whether additional state employees are necessary to oversee or administer the federal funds, an analysis of internal controls, and the process the agency will use to disburse the funds. State agencies shall be required to establish transparency portals on their respective websites.

The measure also establishes the Do-Not-Pay Pilot Program under the management of OMES. The program shall be used to deposit funds if the acceptance by a state agency of federal funding is expected to cause a reduction in certified funds of the General Revenue Fund within 5 years. The measure also prohibits accepting any funds that mandate teaching a specific program, topic, subject, curriculum, or standard as well as any funding that would contradict state law. Additionally, any funding that requires the establishment of a new program in the agency shall not be accepted.

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