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SENATE BILL NO. 1387

Senate Amendments in [] — February 6, 2017

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 30-61.1, relating to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; operational and programmatic efficiency and effectiveness reviews; report.

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senators Sturtevant and Chase

Referred to Committee on Rules**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 30-61.1 as follows:****§ 30-61.1. Operational and programmatic efficiency and effectiveness reviews.**

A. In addition to the review and evaluation of state entities pursuant to the Legislative Program Review and Evaluation Act (§ 30-65 et seq.), the Commission may establish an [~~ongoing~~] operational and programmatic efficiency and effectiveness review and assessment of [~~all~~ any] state departments, agencies, and programs. The Commission may contract with a United States-based private management consulting firm to conduct the efficiency and effectiveness review and assessment. Such contract shall be pursuant to a fixed price contract and shall not provide for any payment resulting from the implementation of any recommendations of the review.

B. The purpose of the review and assessment shall be to provide an objective and independent cost-savings assessment of the Commonwealth's organizational structure and its programs in order to provide information to the Governor and the General Assembly to effect savings in expenditures, a reduction in duplication of effort, and programmatic efficiencies in the operation of state government. Any review and assessment conducted pursuant to this section shall take into consideration the results of any prior studies, audits, or reviews conducted by the Commission, the General Assembly or the Auditor of Public Accounts, any Governor-appointed commission or like entity, or any other independent entity that addressed the structure and operation of state government and identified monetary savings or efficiencies leading to a reduction in costs or reduced duplication of effort.

C. The review and assessment may be scheduled to coincide with alternating biennial state budget cycles. Savings resulting from the recommendations that are accepted by the Governor or General Assembly shall be used first to reimburse the general fund or the applicable department, agency, or program for the cost of the review.

D. The Commission shall submit a report to the General Assembly on the results of [~~each~~ any] review and assessment by December 1 of the year in which such review is conducted.

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