

SCS HS HB 1599 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

This bill establishes the Joint Committee on Government Accountability which will be composed of seven members each of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The bill requires continuing studies and analysis of inefficiencies, fraud, and misconduct in state government; the determination of the appropriate methods to obtain relevant data at least biennially from each state entity in regard to its function, duties, and performance; and recommendations on any needed changes to statutory law, rules, or policies. Government agencies and officials who perform in an efficient and effective manner will be identified and acknowledged. A report of the committee's activities and recommendations must be submitted to the General Assembly by January 15 of each year with copies to the appropriate entities.

The authority to contract for guaranteed energy cost savings contracts is changed from the Division of Design and Construction to the Office of Administration. Other state governmental units will participate in the procurement of these services. The Office of Administration will develop a statewide plan of energy conservation and cost savings for state buildings and facilities. When contracting, preference will be given to Missouri companies.