HCS SB 1140 -- PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

SPONSOR: Vogel (Bruns)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Government Affairs by a vote of 8 to 0.

This substitute allows a deduction for cafeteria plan administrative fees from a state employee's compensation except when the employee affirmatively elects not to participate in the plan and allows a vendor of certain cafeteria plan options to solicit the selection of an option on site in state facilities.

Currently, moneys in the Administrative Trust Fund which are administered by the Commissioner of the Office of Administration do not lapse to the General Revenue Fund unless the unencumbered balance at the end of the fiscal year exceeds one-twelfth of the total amount appropriated, paid, or transferred to the fund during the fiscal year. The substitute increases the unencumbered balance requirement to one-eighth of the total amount appropriated, paid, or transferred, upon approval of the Oversight Division of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of \$150,000 in FY 2009, \$300,000 in FY 2010, and \$300,000 in FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill raises the reserve requirement in the Administrative Trust Fund to one-quarter of the total amount of money appropriated, paid, or transferred to the fund in one year. Since the accounts for executive agencies are billed and paid electronically, money in the fund builds up more quickly. If the money is allowed to lapse to the state's general revenue, the Office of Administration will not be able to effectively make expenditures for needed equipment and other purchases.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Vogel.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.