

HB 1029 -- PROGRAM EVALUATIONS BY THE OVERSIGHT DIVISION

SPONSOR: Flanigan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Budget by a vote of 28 to 0.

This bill requires the Oversight Division of the Committee on Legislative Research to conduct program evaluations of state agencies, including budget transparency and accountability evaluations, instead of the current management audits and program audits.

When evaluating a program, the division must determine whether or not the objectives and intended benefits of the program are being achieved and in the absence of the achievements suggest the need for corrective action or additional legislation. Progress reports on program evaluations must be made quarterly to the committee.

The division director must present all program evaluations completed during the previous legislative interim to the appropriate committee of each chamber early in the next regular session. The division director must present a report on programs scheduled to sunset to the House Budget Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee at the request of the chairs of the committees in addition to presenting that information to the Governor and the General Assembly at the beginning of each regular session of the General Assembly.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill reflects the current procedures done by the Oversight Division of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Flanigan; and Mickey Wilson, Oversight Division.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.