

HB 1690 -- EXECUTIVE BRANCH EFFICIENCY REVIEW

SPONSOR: Chipman

This bill requires the Office of Administration to contract with an out-of-state entity to conduct a government efficiency and reform review and analysis of the Executive Branch of state government and shall be known as "MO GEAR." The entity may examine entire departments, agencies, institutions, or other similar programs in different departments. The review and analysis shall include an examination of the efficiency and effectiveness of state government, major management policies, practices, and other specified areas and make recommendations.

All executive branch departments, agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, and institutions, including all nonstate entities receiving state funds, are subject to review and shall fully cooperate with the Office of Administration and provide a timely response to any request for information. The Office of Administration shall work collaboratively with the State Auditor to develop the review, analysis, and findings needed for a final report and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.

Contracting provisions relating to state purchasing and budget shall not apply to MO GEAR. The Office of Administration shall report to specified persons, including the Speaker of the House of Representatives, all external contracts for consultants or professional services within 30 days of their execution. The Office of Administration shall submit an interim report of MO GEAR's analysis, findings, and recommendations to specified persons, including the Speaker of the House of Representatives, by February 15, 2017, and a final report by February 15, 2018. Funds appropriated for MO GEAR shall be used to contract with consultants and other experts and to pay for travel, postage, printing, planning, and other related costs.