

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: PCS/SB 44-A

INTRODUCER: Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SUBJECT: Governmental Operations

DATE: January 7, 2009

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	McVaney	Kelly	WPSC	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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**I. Summary:**

This bill requires OPPAGA to conduct three policy research projects by March 3, 2009. In addition, state agencies are encouraged to review contracts in order to reduce contract payments. The bill sets forth the policy of limiting travel by state employees for the remainder of the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

This bill creates five nonpermanent provisions of law.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) is an arm of the legislative branch. OPPAGA conducts various research projects for the legislature.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1** requires each state agency to review all contracts with private providers and public-private providers in order to reduce contract payments.

**Section 2** provides that it is the policy of the state that travel expenses by state employees be limited during the remainder of FY 2008-2009.

**Section 3** requires OPPAGA to develop recommended legislation governing the procurement, assignment, and use of cellular telephones and person digital assistants by state employees.

**Section 4** requires OPPAGA to examine the option of contracting with a private entity to identify and recover fraudulent Medicaid claims on a contingency fee basis.

**Section 5** requires OPPAGA to examine the option of expanding the use of alternative inmate placements for low-risk inmates.

**Section 6** provides that the act takes effect upon becoming a law.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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