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The Conference Committee Amendment for CS/HB 5611, relating to the Department of Management Services (DMS), provides for the following:

- Reorganizes the governance structure of the DMS under the Governor and the Cabinet and authorizes the appointment of an executive director, subject to confirmation by the Senate.
- Provides a lump sum appropriation of positions and budget for distribution, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 216, by no later than July 15, 2010, and initially requires senate confirmation of all positions by March 1, 2010.
- Repeals the Florida State Employee Wellness Council which is obsolete. The council was originally created to advise the DMS on health care education for employees.
- Eliminates the Council on Efficient Government. Agency outsourcing proposals will continue to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature for review and approval.
- Requires electronic filing of information by parties represented by attorneys in hearings held under the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) Adjudication of Disputes Program and in the Worker's Compensation Appeals Program and encourages parties not represented by attorneys to file documents electronically when possible.
- Establishes statewide policy for agencies to use in determining the assignment of employee wireless communication devices and requires agencies to utilize the SUNCOM Network Service Program in order to reduce costs. The amendment requires state agencies to submit, as part of their legislative budget request, an inventory of all wireless devices and expenditures.
- Directs the DMS to prepare a plan by November 1, 2010, to create, administer, and maintain a centralized fleet of all state-owned motor vehicles. In preparing the plan, the DMS is directed to evaluate the costs and benefits of operating a centralized and outsourced motor vehicle fleet program.
- Requires the DMS to coordinate with all state agencies, prior to submitting a plan to the Governor and Legislature by September 1, 2010, to centralize all real estate leasing and facilities operations and maintenance. The amendment requires agencies to include, in their legislative budget request for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, a transfer of all real estate resources to the DMS.
- Provides for the transfer of funds from the DMS to the Department of Financial Services to support statewide purchasing operations.
- Authorizes the DMS to transfer \$320,000 from the Supervision Trust Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for the creation of a comprehensive database of state-owned real property.
- Extends the collection of a \$3 traffic and criminal traffic violation fee from July 1, 2012, to July 1, 2017, to continue funding for the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System.