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Overview

This bill establishes a Legislative Budget Office, under the jurisdiction of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), to prepare nonpartisan, accurate, and timely information on the fiscal impact of proposed legislation.

The new office would replace the fiscal note process that is currently administered by the commissioner of management and budget.

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- 1 **Definition.** Establishes the Legislative Budget Office as a joint office under the jurisdiction of the LCC.
- 2 **Legislative Budget Office.** Provides the mission of the Legislative Budget Office and requires the LCC to appoint a director. The director is appointed for a six-year term and may only be removed for cause, after a public hearing. The director may hire additional staff as necessary.
- 3 **Preparation.** Directs that fiscal notes be prepared by the Legislative Budget Office and requires state departments and agencies, including the Supreme Court, to supply information at the request of the office's director. The office may establish standards and guidelines for providing access to information in a timely manner, which are binding on all state agencies.
- 4 **Uniform procedure.** Replaces a reference to the commissioner of management and budget with a reference to the Legislative Budget Office in an existing provision requiring a uniform procedure for departments and agencies to follow in the preparation of fiscal notes.

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- 5** **Local impact notes.** Replaces references to the commissioner of management and budget with references to the Legislative Budget Office in an existing provision related to the preparation of local impact notes.

- 6** **Appropriation.** Provides an appropriation from the general fund to support the work of the Legislative Budget Office.