

Introduced by Senator Strickland

January 5, 2012

An act to add and repeal Chapter 8.2 (commencing with Section 11820) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to government reorganization.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 953, as introduced, Strickland. Government reorganization: realignment or closure.

The State Government Strategic Planning and Performance and Review Act requires each state agency, department, office, and commission for which strategic planning efforts are recommended to develop a strategic plan, as specified, that identifies, among other things, the steps being taken to develop performance measures to implement a performance budgeting system or a performance review. The act also requires that these entities report to the Governor and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by April 1 of each year on the steps being taken to develop and adopt a strategic plan.

Existing law sets forth specified procedures for the preparation, submission, and implementation of the Governor's reorganization plans.

This bill would enact the Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure Act of 2013. It would establish the Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure Commission in state government with a specified membership. Beginning on January 1, 2013, the Controller, the Director of Finance, the Legislative Analyst, the Legislative Counsel, the Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, and the State Auditor would be required to develop recommendations for the closure or realignment of state bureaucracies for consideration by the commission. It would require

the commission to independently evaluate the recommendations, conduct 3 public hearings, and, by January 1, 2014, have at least one member of the commission visit each state bureaucracy considered for realignment or closure.

This bill would require the commission, not later than July 15, 2014, to submit a report of its final recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature that establishes a list of state bureaucracies that are proposed to be realigned or abolished. It would require the Governor, upon approval of the list of recommendations, to prepare the list as a reorganization plan and to submit the plan to the Legislature under the provisions relating to the Governor's reorganization plans.

This bill would repeal the act on June 30, 2015.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 8.2 (commencing with Section 11820)
2 is added to Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code,
3 to read:

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CHAPTER 8.2.

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BUREAUCRACY REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACT OF 2013

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8 11820. It is the intent of the Legislature that this chapter ensure
9 that a timely, independent, and fair process for realigning or closing
10 outdated or ineffective and inefficient governmental agencies,
11 bureaucracies, boards, and commissions is initiated.

12 11821. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
13 Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure Act of 2013.

14 11822. For the purposes of this chapter, the following
15 definitions shall apply:

16 (a) "Commission" means the Bureaucracy Realignment and
17 Closure Commission established pursuant to Section 11823.

18 (b) "State bureaucracy" means every state agency, office, officer,
19 department, division, bureau, board, or commission.
20 Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 11000, "state
21 bureaucracy" and "state agency" include the California State
22 University.

1 11823. (a) The Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure
2 Commission is hereby established in state government. By April
3 1, 2013, the Governor shall appoint the members of the
4 commission, as follows:

5 (1) One member who shall be appointed upon consultation with
6 the Speaker of the Assembly.

7 (2) One member who shall be appointed upon consultation with
8 the minority leader of the Assembly.

9 (3) One member who shall be appointed upon consultation with
10 the President pro Tempore of the Senate.

11 (4) One member who shall be appointed upon consultation with
12 the minority leader of the Senate.

13 (5) Four members, at the Governor's discretion, subject to
14 confirmation by the Senate Committee on Rules.

15 (b) (1) Each member of the commission shall have had
16 management experience prior to his or her appointment to the
17 commission.

18 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "management experience"
19 means at least a master's degree or its equivalent, or equivalent
20 experience, in the field of business management or public
21 administration.

22 (c) The Governor shall designate one of the members to be
23 chairperson of the commission.

24 (d) Each member of the commission shall be a United States
25 citizen and a resident of this state.

26 (e) The commission may employ, pursuant to laws and
27 regulations governing state civil service, an executive secretary
28 and any clerical, professional, and technical assistants it deems
29 necessary.

30 11824. A person shall not be appointed to the commission if
31 that person is any of the following:

32 (a) A party to an ongoing contract with a federal, local, or state
33 governmental agency.

34 (b) Employed by an entity that is a party to an ongoing contract
35 with a federal, local, or state governmental agency.

36 (c) Employed by a federal, local, or state governmental agency.

37 (d) A person who, at the time of his or her appointment or during
38 his or her term of service, qualifies as a lobbyist, as specified in
39 Section 82039.

1 11825. The members of the commission shall serve without
2 compensation.

3 11826. The commission shall do all of the following:

4 (a) Examine state bureaucracies in this state primarily to
5 determine if the jurisdictions of various bureaucracies overlap, or
6 if a bureaucracy's mission has become obsolete.

7 (b) Submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature that sets
8 forth findings that recommend needed reforms and establishes a
9 list of state bureaucracies to be realigned or abolished.

10 (c) Propose realignment and closure of state bureaucracies within
11 this state in order to reduce duplication of services, increase
12 productivity, and reestablish the proper role of government.

13 (d) Examine the current configuration of state bureaucracies
14 and investigate their duties and responsibilities.

15 11827. The commission may do any of the following:

16 (a) Meet at times and places that it may deem proper.

17 (b) Issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and
18 the production of books, records, papers, accounts, reports, and
19 documents.

20 (c) Administer oaths.

21 (d) Contract, as it deems necessary, for the rendition of services,
22 facilities, studies, and reports that will best assist the commission
23 in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

24 11828. Beginning on January 1, 2013, the Controller, the
25 Director of Finance, the Legislative Analyst, the Legislative
26 Counsel, the Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission on
27 California State Government Organization and Economy, and the
28 State Auditor shall develop recommendations for the closure or
29 realignment of state bureaucracies for consideration by the
30 commission. These recommendations shall be reported to the
31 commission by July 15, 2013.

32 11829. Upon receiving the recommendations reported under
33 Section 11828, the commission shall independently evaluate these
34 reports. In addition, the commission may add other state
35 bureaucracies to study for realignment or closure, which may
36 include proposals submitted by residents outside of state
37 government.

38 11830. (a) By January 1, 2014, at least one member of the
39 commission shall visit each state bureaucracy considered for
40 realignment or closure. In addition, as part of its review process,

1 the commission shall conduct three public hearings in the state
2 with the final hearing occurring on or before March 15, 2014, at
3 Sacramento. The final hearing shall include testimony from the
4 Legislature, other expert witnesses, and the agencies specified in
5 Section 11828.

6 (b) Upon completion of its evaluation and not later than July
7 15, 2014, the commission shall submit its final recommendations
8 to the Governor and the Legislature and transmit a copy of these
9 recommendations to the Director of Finance who shall prepare
10 and issue a public report that displays the forecasted savings in
11 state expenditures that would result from these recommendations.

12 (c) By August 15, 2014, the Governor shall act on the
13 commission's recommendations. The Governor may approve the
14 recommendations or return the recommendations to the commission
15 for revision along with a statement explaining the decision. If the
16 Governor returns the recommendations, the commission shall have
17 one month to revise and transmit to the Governor, the Director of
18 Finance, and the Legislature an updated list. The commission shall
19 not be required to incorporate recommendations of the Governor
20 in its list. The director shall prepare a revised public forecast from
21 this list. If the Governor rejects the revised list, that action shall
22 end the realignment and closure process.

23 11831. (a) If the Governor approves the list as submitted by
24 the commission pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 11830, the
25 Governor shall prepare the list, without alteration or amendment,
26 as a reorganization plan and submit the plan to the Legislature
27 pursuant to Article 7.5 (commencing with Section 12080) of
28 Chapter 1 of Part 2. Upon being transmitted to the Legislature, the
29 plan shall be considered and subject to all applicable provisions
30 of that article. To that end, it is the intent of the Legislature that
31 this chapter be deemed a part of the statutory authority for the
32 Governor to reorganize executive officers and agencies, as specified
33 in Section 6 of Article V of the California Constitution.

34 (b) The plan shall become effective the first day after 60
35 calendar days of continuous session of the Legislature, as defined
36 in Section 12080.5, after the date on which the plan is transmitted
37 to each house of the Legislature or at a later date as may be
38 provided by the plan, unless, prior to the end of the 60-calendar-day
39 period, either house of the Legislature adopts, by a majority vote

1 of the duly elected and qualified members thereof, a resolution as
2 defined in subdivision (c) of Section 12080.

3 (c) The plan shall specify that the state bureaucracies
4 recommended for closure or realignment be closed or realigned
5 beginning one year after the effective date of the plan and
6 completed within three years of the effective date.

7 11832. Upon the reorganization plan becoming effective, the
8 Director of Finance shall compute the savings in state governmental
9 expenses that are forecast to occur due to the closure or realignment
10 of the state bureaucracies included in the plan and transmit this
11 information to the Governor and the Legislature. It is the intent of
12 the Legislature that these savings be reflected in reduced taxation
13 or state expenditures.

14 11833. This chapter is repealed as of June 30, 2015.