



HOUSE BILL 813: Results First Framework

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Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H813-CSRO		

SUMMARY: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 813 would authorize the Office of State Budget and Management to participate in the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative and direct the Office to develop a framework for providing uniform, program-level accountability information in State Government. The bill would also require State agencies and certain no-state entities to develop, implement, and maintain information systems that provide program-level accountability information regarding the programs operated by those agencies or entities.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S603, as introduced by Sens. Stein, B. Jackson, which is currently in Senate Information Technology. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget.]

BILL ANALYSIS:

PART I. RESULTS FIRST PROJECT.

Section 1 of the PCS for HB 813 authorizes the Office of State Budget and Management to consult and work with the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative to implement a cost-benefit analysis model for use in crafting policy and budget decisions. OSBM is directed to file an interim report on implementing the cost-benefit analysis model with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, and the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee by April 8, 2016, and a final report by October 1, 2016.

The section also appropriates the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2015-2016 to the Office of State Budget and Management to implement this Part.

PART II. RESULTS FIRST FRAMEWORK.

Section 2.1 enacts a new Article in Chapter 143 entitled "Results First Framework". OSBM is directed to design and establish, in consultation with the State Auditor, the State Controller, the State Chief Information Officer, and the Office of State Human Resources, a framework for providing uniform, program-level accountability information in State government. The Article applies to any State agency in the executive branch and also to any non-State entity that receives State funds.

The framework must provide a way for each State agency and each non-State entity to provide specified information relating to the agency's or entity's mission, programs, purpose, revenues, organization, and contact information. The information must be provided in a uniform manner and be accessible through the main State government website.

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Once OSBM establishes the framework and all standards, policies, and procedures, it must notify the agencies and non-State entities and allow a period of at least 30 days after notification for comments. OSBM must review and consider all comments before finalizing the framework.

OSBM must publish an annual report by January 1 of each year setting out the standards, policies, and procedures to be used by agencies in providing and maintaining information required by the Article. The report must be sent to each State agency, and non-State entity, and to the Program Evaluation Division and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly.

State agencies and non-State entities are required to establish a system that provides the required information within the framework established by OSBM using existing resources allocated for computers and computer maintenance. The information must be updated on a timely basis and be easily accessible to citizens. The head of each agency or non-State entity is responsible for ensuring that the agency or entity complies with the requirements of the Article. Except as provided by a policy adopted by OSBM, each agency and non-State entity must list its employees in the directory available through the main State government website.

The Office of State Human Resources is directed to adopt rules setting standards and format for the agencies' and entities' organizational charts. OSBM, the Office of Human Resources, and the Office of Information Technology shall provide technical assistance and software to agencies and entities to assure uniformity.

Section 2.2 amends the Administrative Procedure Act so that OSBM is fully exempted from the requirements of the Act, including the requirements for rulemaking, review of contested cases by the Office of Administrative Hearings, and judicial review of administrative decisions.

OSBM must finalize the framework and associated standards, policies, and procedures by April 8, 2016, and file the initial annual report by January 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE: G.S. 143-47.35 (Required State agency and non-State entity information) as enacted by Section 2.1 of this act, becomes effective with respect to all State agencies and non-State entities subject to this act on January 1, 2017. Except as otherwise provided, the act is effective when it becomes law.