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STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the office of quality control within the
2 office of citizens' aide for the investigation and
3 determination of cost savings in state government.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 2C.24 OFFICE OF QUALITY CONTROL.

2 1. The office of quality control is established under the
3 control of the office of citizens' aide to investigate state
4 government expenditures and determine cost reduction measures
5 which would not decrease services provided by any agency.
6 Investigations shall be initiated by a complaint or by the
7 office of quality control's own motion.

8 2. The office of quality control shall establish, service,
9 and maintain a toll-free telephone line to receive complaints
10 concerning state agency actions or expenditures.

11 3. When a citizen complaint leads to the implementation of
12 a cost reduction measure within state government, the citizen
13 making the complaint may be awarded ten thousand dollars if
14 the measure results in a savings of ten thousand dollars or
15 more. The citizens' aide shall approve all awards. A
16 certificate of appreciation shall be awarded to a citizen
17 making a complaint which leads to the implementation of a cost
18 reduction measure within state government of less than ten
19 thousand dollars.

20 4. An award made pursuant to this section shall be paid
21 for out of the appropriated funds of the department realizing
22 the cost reduction, but the award shall be void if payment
23 would violate any state or federal contract, law, or
24 regulation, or impair any agency contractual obligation.

25 5. The office of quality control shall file a report with
26 the governor and the general assembly for each fiscal year,
27 relating to the administration and implementation of cost
28 reduction measures for state government. If the report does
29 not show a total reduction over a one-year period equal to or
30 more than two hundred fifty percent of the budget of the
31 office of quality control over the same fiscal year, the
32 office of quality control shall be disbanded and the awards
33 provided for in this section shall no longer be made.

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EXPLANATION

35 This bill establishes the office of quality control under

1 the control of the office of citizens' aide. The office of
2 quality control shall investigate state government
3 expenditures and determine cost reduction measures.

4 The office of quality control shall establish a toll-free
5 telephone line to receive complaints on state agency actions
6 or expenditures. If a citizen complaint leads to the
7 implementation of a cost reduction measure of more than
8 \$10,000, then the citizen making the complaint may receive a
9 \$10,000 award. For the implementation of a cost reduction
10 measure of less than \$10,000, the citizen making the complaint
11 shall receive a certificate of appreciation. Awards shall be
12 paid for out of the appropriated funds of the department
13 realizing the cost reduction.

14 The office of quality control shall submit a report to the
15 general assembly and the governor for each fiscal year
16 relating to the administration and implementation of cost
17 reduction measures. If the report does not show a total
18 reduction over a one-year period equal to or more than 250
19 percent of the budget of the office of quality control, then
20 the office of quality control shall be disbanded and the
21 awards provided for in this section shall no longer be made.

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