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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to inflation and deflation; providing
3 legislative intent; providing a definition; requiring
4 each state agency, including the judicial branch, to
5 identify all statutes relating to the agency which
6 contain a reference to a monetary amount; requiring
7 each state agency to submit an initial report relating
8 to those findings and make recommendations to the
9 Governor and Legislature by a certain date as to
10 whether those amounts should be adjusted; requiring
11 the posting of the reports on each agency's respective
12 public website; requesting public input on the
13 findings and recommendations; requiring each agency to
14 submit a final report containing final recommendations
15 to the Governor and Legislature by a certain date and
16 include a fiscal impact statement for each recommended
17 statutory change to the monetary amount; providing for
18 expiration; providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. State agency monetary report.—

23 (1) INTENT.—It is the intent of the Legislature that any
24 statutory provision specifying a fixed monetary amount be
25 regularly reviewed for the purpose of incorporating changes in
26 the real value of money resulting from inflation or deflation.

27 (2) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "state
28 agency" includes each agency or department of the executive
29 branch of state government; the Justice Administrative

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30 Commission on behalf of the state attorneys, public defenders,
31 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and capital
32 collateral regional counsel; the Florida Clerks of Court
33 Operations Corporation on behalf of itself and the clerks of
34 courts; and the Office of the State Courts Administrator on
35 behalf of the judicial branch.

36 (3) STATUTORY SURVEY.—By July 1, 2015, each state agency
37 shall identify all statutes over which the agency has
38 implementation, administrative, or enforcement authority which
39 contain a reference to a monetary amount and determine the:

40 (a) Date of the original enactment of the provision;

41 (b) Purpose of including the monetary amount in statute;

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43 (c) Date that the monetary value was last adjusted.

44 (4) INITIAL REPORT.—

45 (a) By August 1, 2015, each state agency shall produce an
46 initial report providing the information compiled under
47 subsection (3) and initial findings as to whether the monetary
48 amount cited in each statute should be adjusted to reflect
49 changes to the real value of money resulting from inflation or
50 deflation. Any recommendation to adjust the monetary amount must
51 include:

52 1. An analysis to support the recommendation; and

53 2. If an adjustment is recommended, alternative
54 methodologies for the implementation of a one-time adjustment or
55 for making periodic adjustments using a recommended index, or a
56 combination of adjustment methodologies.

57 (b) The initial report shall be provided to the Governor,
58 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

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59 Representatives and posted on the agency's publicly accessible
60 website.

61 (5) PUBLIC INPUT.—Between August 1, 2015, and September 15,
62 2015, each agency shall request public input on its findings and
63 recommendations as provided in the initial report. The agency
64 shall consider the public input in compiling its final
65 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

66 (6) FINAL REPORT.—By October 31, 2015, each state agency
67 shall submit a final report to the Governor, the President of
68 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
69 containing its final recommendations regarding adjustments to
70 current statutory monetary amounts. The report must also include
71 any proposed statutory changes and a fiscal impact statement for
72 each proposed change as it relates to both the public and
73 private sectors.

74 (7) EXPIRATION.—This section expires December 31, 2015.
75 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.