

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Judiciary

BILL: SB 612

INTRODUCER: Senator Gibson

SUBJECT: Federal Matching Funds Information

DATE: March 21, 2017

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Peacock	Ferrin	GO	Favorable
2.	Stallard	Cibula	JU	Favorable
3.			AP	

I. Summary:

SB 612 requires each state agency and the judicial branch to provide, as part of its annual legislative budget request, information about federal matching funds that may be available by participating in relevant federal programs.

II. Present Situation:

Planning and Budgeting

The judicial branch and the Division of Administrative Hearings, as well as the head of each state agency, must submit a final legislative budget request to the Legislature, with a copy to the Governor, by October 15 of each year.¹ These budget requests must include several types of information for each program, as specified in statute, such as the authority for the program, details on trust funds and fees, and the total number of positions in the program.²

Additionally, each state agency that receives federal funds must:³

- Designate a senior official having a direct reporting relationship to the agency head to be responsible for the internal coordination of the agency's efforts to maximize the amount of federally derived dollars the agency receives;
- Create and maintain an inventory of all programs that are partially or fully funded from federal sources and provide reports to the Executive Office of the Governor or legislative committees, as requested;
- Develop, document, and implement, in a manner prescribed by the Executive Office of the Governor, an internal process whereby information on all federal funds received, as well as

¹ Section 216.023(1)-(2), F.S.

² Section 216.023(4)(a), F.S.

³ Section 216.103(2), F.S.

the impact of congressional initiatives on the state, can be collected, assimilated, and evaluated rapidly; and

- Establish and maintain a process to identify and monitor specific opportunities to preserve or enhance the state's share of federal grant-in-aid programs, improve the delivery of services utilizing federal funds, and realize the benefits of additional flexibility given to the state in federal programs.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill requires the annual legislative budget request for every state agency and the judicial branch to include additional information for each appropriation category. This information must:

- Identify each program that receives some federal matching funds, but does not maximize available federal matching funding;
- Identify the amount of state or local funds that would be required to maximize the amount of federal matching funds provided to the state;
- List federal programs that the agency or judicial branch does not participate in, but for which the agency could receive federal funding by participating in such programs; and
- Estimate the amount of federal funds the agency or state does not draw down as a result of non-participation in the federal match programs identified.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or limit their authority to raise revenue or receive state-shared revenues as specified in Article VII, s. 18 of the Florida Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. **Government Sector Impact:**

The bill requires state agencies, as well as the judicial branch, to focus on ways they could receive more federal funding. The net fiscal effect of this, however, is unknown.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends sections 216.013 and 216.023 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. **Amendments:**

None.