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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 10 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. LLLL, §1 is repealed.

Sec. LLLL-1. Governmental oversight; recommendations; report. The Director of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, referred to in this section as "OPEGA," in conjunction with the directors of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the State Auditor shall make recommendations by October 1, 2008 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Government Oversight Committee regarding:

1. Changes to operating procedures of OPEGA and relevant offices and agencies, including the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, the State Controller and the State Auditor, that will facilitate the sharing of resources and coordination of program review across State Government in order to maintain and strengthen program evaluation function; and

2. Recommended performance standards to measure the effectiveness of OPEGA in carrying out its mission to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and economic use of resources of State Government.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and the Government Oversight Committee shall jointly report by January 15, 2009 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the Legislative Council concerning any recommended changes to the Legislature's government oversight functions, including the structure and resources dedicated to those oversight functions, and performance measures to assess the effectiveness of those oversight functions.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters may report out a bill no later than February 1, 2009 to implement the recommendations.

Sec. 2. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. LLLL, §3 is repealed.

Sec. LLLL-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, OFFICE OF

Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability 0976

Initiative: Deappropriates funds as a result of the elimination of a Principal Analyst/Attorney position, a Senior Analyst/Attorney position and an Analyst/Attorney position.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(3.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$303,773)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$0 (\$303,773)

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the appropriations and allocations section and repeals Public Law 2007, chapter 539, Part LLLL, sections 1 and 3, which reduced positions in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and required the submission of recommendations to make changes to the office. The lapse of balances in the accounts of the office to the General Fund is retained.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)