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The [Commission] COUNCIL shall:

[(1) for purposes of realizing cost efficiency, identify programs and subunits within governmental units that could be reorganized from the standpoint of merging, modifying, or eliminating, including recommendations for a concomitant reduction or shifting of personnel;

(2) to reduce unnecessary expenditures without compromising the quality of service delivery or threatening the health, welfare, and well-being of the citizens of the State, encourage the development of proposals for the privatization of selected public services and determine the extent to which the delivery of public services could be competitively bid with the private sector;

(3) assess the costs and benefits of existing State mandates imposed on governmental units and of proposals for helping to mitigate the fiscal implications of the mandates;

(4) study the operations of and services provided by governmental units in order to develop new mechanisms and procedures to control the costs and efficiency of the governmental units;

(5) to facilitate its study of the operations and services of a governmental unit, examine the nonprivileged records and other data of the governmental unit in relevant areas of interest to the Commission, including data that relates to:

- (i) contracting and purchasing policies;
- (ii) organizational structure;
- (iii) budget and finance; and
- (iv) personnel policies and practices;

(6) encourage the business community to provide innovative suggestions for improving the managerial efficiency and cost efficiency of the operations of governmental units;

(7) ascertain and encourage the use of services that could be made available from the public and private higher education academic community to assist State agencies in research, problem solving, and related assistance as a viable alternative to contracting with the private sector;

(8) identify alternative ways and means by which specific operations of governmental units could become fiscally self-sustaining;

(9) develop proposals to set performance standards for government programs whereby heads of governmental units are responsible for:

- (i) establishing performance goals that are incorporated into the annual State budget; and
- (ii) reporting annually on the realization of the goals;