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MEMORANDUM

To:

All House Members

From:

Representative Seth Grove

196th Legislative District

Date:

January 5, 2011

Subject:

Co-sponsorship - Creating the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

(Former HB 2767)

In the near future, I will be reintroducing House Bill 2767 from the 2009-2010 session which will amend Act 195 of 1959 to create the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to examine the operations of state government with the purpose of making recommendations to the General Assembly on various ways in which state government can operate more efficiently. The Committee shall challenge and question the basic assumptions underlying all state agencies and the programs and services offered by the Commonwealth in order to eliminate redundancy, fraud, waste, inefficiencies, and provide for the effectiveness of current government programs.

One aspect of state government which has been missing is an entity to audit government agencies and programs in order to give policy makers empirical evidence of the effectiveness of current programs and agencies. In this time of economic downturn, we must look at ways to reduce the government footprint and maximize our ability to provide services in the most cost effective method to our most needy residents.

Please join me in developing a mechanism to audit our state government. If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Lisa Burkholder at lburkholdergahousegop.com or 717-783-2655. Thank you for your consideration.

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