



2011 SENATE BILL 254

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- 1 **AN ACT to create** 16.42 (1) (h) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring certain
2 information in state agency budget requests.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, no later than September 15 of each even-numbered year, state agencies in the executive branch are required to submit to the Department of Administration and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau their budget requests. This bill requires that the budget requests contain an analysis of the implications for agency expenditures and operations in the event of federal government insolvency or substantially reduced federal payments to the agency. More specifically, the analyses must do all of the following:

1. Identify the risks to the agency if the federal government were unable to meet its financial or service commitments.
2. Estimate the impact of the risks to the agency under item 1. in terms of the potential loss of federal revenue and its effect on agency operations.
3. Recommend strategies to better allow the agency to minimize the loss of federal revenue, to adjust to any loss of federal revenue, and to reduce the impact of any loss of federal revenue on agency operations without eliminating any programs or services.
4. Recommend a plan for monitoring indicators that track the federal government's inability to meet its financial obligations.
5. Include in the plan under item 4. specific steps that the agency must take in the event the indicators signal that the federal government may be unable to meet its financial obligations.

