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Requires the state to allow legislators to use surplus space in a state building for a legislative office within their district.

The proposed legislation directs the commissioner of administration to implement and maintain a procedure that allows legislators to utilize, at no cost, vacant space in properties owned by the state for the purpose of establishing a legislative office within their respective district. Written requests for such space shall be provided to the commissioner, and priority for such space shall be given to legislators in the order in which the requests are received. Present law provides for a monthly allowance of \$500 for payment of office rental, utilities and other expenses. The amount of the allowance shall equal the total amount of itemized statement of expenses, provided the total reimbursement shall not exceed \$500.

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation allows the use of surplus space in state owned buildings and directs the Division of Administration to implement and maintain a procedure for legislators to utilize such office space to establish a legislative office within their respective district at no cost. Therefore, enactment of the legislation will result in a cost savings in SGF expenditures since each legislator currently receives a monthly allowance of \$500 for rental expenses. However, the impact on expenditures will depend upon the number of legislators that will exercise the option to request utilization of surplus space in state owned buildings, the location of the surplus space, and the amount currently expended for those legislators that may request utilization of surplus office space.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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