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SUGG'N. AWARDS FOR RETIREES

House Bill 5411

Sponsor: Rep. Clark Harder Committee: Appropriations

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5411 AS INTRODUCED 11-9-95

Public Act 325 of 1978 established an awards program under which state employees may receive cash or a paid vacation for making suggestions that save at least \$10,000 in taxpayer money. The bill would amend the act to make retired state employees eligible to receive an award for a suggestion to save taxpayer money. Currently, the suggestions award board is the final reviewer of any award greater than \$100 (up to \$1,000 or 15 days paid vacation), while the suggestion administrator (a Department of Civil Service employee appointed by the department director) makes final review of awards for \$100 or less. Under the bill, awards over \$500 would be reviewed by the board and those of \$500 or less would be reviewed by the administrator. Further, the bill would specify that each state department's suggestion committee would have an uneven number of members, between three and 11. (Such committees now must have three members.)

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