

LEGISLATIVE BILL 664

Approved by the Governor February 10, 1984

Introduced by V. Johnson, 8; Warner, 25; Carsten, 2

AN ACT relating to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst; to amend section 50-419, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to provide additional duties as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 50-419, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

50-419. (1) The Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall provide fiscal and budgetary information and assistance to the Legislature, the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and the Legislative Council Budget Committee. During sessions of the Legislature he or she shall work under the direction of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature. During the interim between legislative sessions he or she shall work under the direction of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst He shall provide:

(a) Factual information and recommendations concerning the financial operations of the state government;

(b) Evaluation of the requests for appropriations contained in the executive budget and recommendations thereon;

(c) Studies of capital outlay needs for the orderly and coordinated development of state institutions and institutional programs authorized, if not otherwise provided by law;

(d) Plans for legislative appropriation and control of funds, with pre-session analysis of budgetary requirements; and

(e) At the direction of the Performance Review and Audit Committee, analyses of the performance, management, and accomplishments of the programs of state government and state-aid programs.

(2) The ~~analysis~~ analyses required by subdivision (1)(e) of ~~subsection (1)~~ of this section may contain information pertaining to compliance with legislative intent, performance compliance with preestablished standards, program effectiveness, organizational structure, personnel policies, opinions, and recommendations as considered appropriate for the improvement of operations of government. The Legislative

Fiscal Analyst may contract for services deemed necessary to carry out the duties of the office with the approval of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

(3) His or her duties shall also include examining or auditing functions or services authorized by the Legislature to determine if funds are expended according to legislative intent and whether improvements in organization and performance are possible. The examining function shall also include the appraisal of functions for needed reforms.

(4) His or her duties shall be to coordinate his or her activities with the budget officer of the Department of Administrative Services.

(5) All information and reports of the fiscal analyst and Appropriations Committee shall be available to any and all members of the Legislature.

(6) The Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall provide revenue-forecasting information and assistance to the Legislature, the Revenue Committee of the Legislature, and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature. For the purposes of this subsection, he or she shall work under the direction of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature. The revenue-forecasting information provided under this subsection shall include:

(a) The estimated revenue receipts for each year of the following biennium;

(b) General Fund reserve requirements;

(c) A list of express obligations; and

(d) A summary of economic conditions affecting the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 2. That original section 50-419, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.