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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE-GOVERNMENT
111th Legislature, First Regular Session

<u>ID</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
2	AN ACT CONCERNING STATE-PAID BASIC LIFE BENEFITS FOR LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES	Mitchell,E.	ENACT. P&SL 1

SUMMARY: Provides state paid basic life insurance benefits on an annual basis to legislative employees, including session employees. Legislative employees who work only while the Legislature is in session will receive annual life insurance coverage, but the cost of life insurance to the State for these employees will only be the prorated cost.

3	AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	Mitchell,E.	ENACT. PL 2
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SUMMARY: This Act changes the supervisory position of the Office of Legislative Assistants from the status of a coordinator to a director (manager). The Director of the Office of Legislative Assistants is empowered with administrative powers including the appointment and supervision of legislative assistants. Appointments of an assistant director and legislative assistants are subject to Legislative Council approval. The Office of Legislative Assistants is required to draft legislation, prepare written reports for legislative committees, conduct research for legislators and committees, and provide assistance to other legislative agencies.

In addition to the provisions concerning the Office of Legislative Assistants, this Act:

1. reduces the term of office of the assistant director of Legislative Research from 7 years to 3 years,
2. removes the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate from under the supervision of the Legislative Administrative Director, and
3. changes the role of the Legislative Administrative Director from a coordinator of legislative service agencies to a supervisor of these agencies.