

SENATE BILL 169

IN THE SENATE

January 19, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 9, 1979	Committee recommend bill, as amended.
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1 *Sen. Bill No. 169*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Patricia Kuehl, Deborah Hager*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE
 5 DEPARTMENT HEAD OF EACH OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES TO
 6 WORK IN A FIELD POSITION FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NO SHORTER
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 11 to:

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 14 problems associated with the individual citizens served by
 15 the agency;
- 16 (2) require the department head of a state agency to
 17 become involved in the rendering of that agency's services
 18 directly to the citizens of the state; and
- 19 (3) provide the department head insight into
 20 unessential costs of delivering that agency's services.

21 Section 2. Definitions. As used in [this act], the
 22 following definitions apply:

- 23 (1) "Field position" means an entry-level position
 24 under the state classification plan which is performed
 25 outside the central office of the agency, requires

1 fundamental skills, and 1 year or less working experience.

2 (2) "State executive department" means the departments
 3 listed in 2-15-104(1).

4 (3) "Director" has the meaning ascribed to that term
 5 in 2-15-102(6).

6 Section 3. Director to do fieldwork -- plan for his
 7 absence. (1) A director of a state executive department must
 8 serve in a field position within the department for a period
 9 no shorter than 2 weeks or longer than 1 month each year.
 10 Whenever possible, the field position filled by the
 11 department director shall involve direct contact with the
 12 public, other agencies, or employees served by the agency.

13 (2) The director shall provide for the administration
 14 of the department prior to his absence by:

- 15 (a) preparing a schedule of assignments for each of
 16 the divisions and bureaus within the agency; and
- 17 (b) designating an acting director to perform all
 18 duties in his absence.

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Approved by Committee
on State Administration

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HAGER, COONEY, BOYLAN

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