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S 325. ZERO-BASED BUDGET. TO PROVIDE FOR ZERO-BASED BUDGETING, EXCLUDING DIRECT SERVICES IN EDUCATION. Requires that the Director of the Budget subject every program in state government to a zero-based budget review at least once every five years and that Director direct agencies to prepare and submit a zero-based budget plan that contains information as delineated by act. Further requires that in 2005, Governor submit a zero-based budget for agencies with expenditures of at least 20% of the General Fund budget. Provides that approximately one-fifth of the budget shall be subject to zero-based budgeting in each year beginning in 2007. Excludes the following from zero-based budget review within the Dep't of Public Instruction: class size, school curriculum, and direct services offered to students by public school classroom teachers. Provides that review and oversight of the internal zero-based budget planning and restructuring process must be commissioned to outside committees that will provide non binding written reports.

**Intro. by Pittenger.** Ref. to Appropriations

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