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S 908. STATE GOV'T FAIR WAGE FUNDS/STUDY FAIR PAY. ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM FAIR WAGE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO THE STATE PERSONNEL ACT; CREATING THE STATE GOVERNMENT FAIR PAY STUDY COMMISSION; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES. Specifies that all permanent, full-time employees subject to State Personnel Act are to be paid at least \$20,112 per year, or a pro rata amount if they work on less than a 12-month basis. Appropriates \$675,000 from General Fund to Reserve for State Employee Minimum Wage for each year of 2005-07 biennium to fund increases necessary to comply with new minimum wage. Allows State Budget Office to authorize the use of up to \$750,000 for the biennium to deal with inequities created by raising employees to the new minimum wage. Creates 15-member State Government Fair Pay Study Commission—eight members are legislators, and the remainder must represent specified professions or interests. Speaker and President Pro Tem. to each name a co-chair. Requires interim report to 2006 session of legislature and final report in 2007. Appropriates \$25,000 in each year of biennium from General Fund to General Assembly to fund study. Effective July 1, 2005.

Intro. by Dorsett.

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