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Amend the amendment by inserting after the section 2 the following:

- 'Sec. 3. Review of statewide vacancies. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall review vacant positions throughout State Government, regardless of funding source, and shall identify positions to be eliminated. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services is authorized to identify savings to the General Fund from this review. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall eliminate one additional position and available balances by financial order upon approval of the Governor in order that an additional \$106,952 in General Fund savings is realized in fiscal year 2008-09.
- Sec. 4. Calculation and transfer; General Fund savings through eliminating vacant positions. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of savings from position eliminations that result from section 3 that applies against each General Fund account and shall transfer the amounts by financial order upon approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations and position counts in fiscal year 2008-09. The State Budget Officer shall provide the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters a report of the transferred amounts not later than January 15, 2009.
- **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide 0017

Initiative: Deappropriates funds from position vacancies.

| GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT Personal Services | 2007-08 0.000 \$0 | 2008-09 (1.000) (\$106,952) |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$0 | (\$106,952) |

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to review vacant positions throughout State Government and identify one additional position to be eliminated to achieve a minimum savings of \$106,952 in the General Fund.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)