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I tracked down the references tonight...

For SFAA, I think that §11-55-10(B)(3) and (D) are somewhat in conflict. The former states that the legislature "shall appropriate those funds necessary for the operations of the authority." The latter states that DoA must provide administrative support "at no cost to the authority" and then proceeds to list a whole range of items that this would include. This would leave DoA holding the bag for a significant portion of SFAA's costs. This is also a concern because SFAA could run up the tab, and DoA would have no ability to plan for that or to control those expenditures. (Page 105)

For POB, I read §11-35-315 to mean that DoA would have to pay for POB's costs (which would include the entire current BCB Procurement Division, if the intent of the bill isn't to put IT Procurement in DoA as Page 7 currently indicates), but again, without the ability to meaningfully plan for or control those expenditures. (Page 126)

DoA would be budgetarily culpable for both SFAA and POB, but without the ability to manage/control those costs. I'm concerned that this runs contrary to the overall theme that we're trying to improve accountability and management through this bill.

Anyway, thanks again for hearing us out today. I'll try to pull together some language on the budget/performance measurement/strategic planning stuff later tonight...

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