

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/CS/SB 286 — Concrete Masonry Education

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Regulated Industries Committee; and Senators Richter, Latvala, Detert, Garcia, Bradley, Flores, Smith, and Bean

This bill creates the “Concrete Masonry Education Act.” The bill creates the Florida Concrete Masonry Council, Inc., as a non-profit corporation operating under a written contract as a direct-support organization of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The council is governed by a 13 member board appointed by the Governor. Administrative powers and duties of the council include the power to plan, implement, and conduct educational programs related to the field of concrete masonry, particularly for individuals seeking employment. The council is required to submit a report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives each year on revenues, participation, use of funds, number of persons trained and other information.

The bill allows the council to accept grants, donations, contributions, gifts, and to collect self-imposed voluntary assessments on concrete masonry units produced and sold by concrete masonry manufacturers in the state. Manufacturers that choose to remit assessments must commit to paying the assessment quarterly, for at least one year. Thereafter, the manufacturer may elect to terminate payment or continue payment for the next year.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0