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1 House Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution relating to joint legislative organizations.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has independent constitutional authority to administer and direct all legislative offices and employees, and

WHEREAS, one Legislature may not bind any succeeding Legislature, and

WHEREAS, each Legislature, at the time of organizing, enjoys all the powers, rights, privileges, and immunities vested in or granted to the Legislature, the Senate, and the House of Representatives by the Florida Constitution and other organic law, and

WHEREAS, HB 5709, 2010 Regular Session, repeals provisions of law that purport to govern the administration of certain legislative offices, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Twenty-First
Legislature convened under the Constitution of 1968 that certain
offices and legislative activities continue under its
constitutional authority, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature intends that the Twenty-Second Legislature be well advised regarding the continuation of certain existing offices and legislative activities, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, the Senate Concurring:

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That:

- (1) Until superseded by any joint rule, concurrent resolution, or agreement of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and only to the extent not inconsistent with the Laws of Florida as amended by this Legislature, the provisions of sections 11.42 and 11.45, Florida Statutes 2009, relating to the Auditor General, and sections 11.51, 11.511, and 11.513, Florida Statutes 2009, relating to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, are incorporated in this subsection by reference and shall remain operative.
- (2) To the extent the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives agree that particular legislative activities are useful and beneficial, they shall, on or before the effective date of HB 5709, 2010 Regular Session, or within a reasonable time thereafter, assign to appropriate legislative offices any legislative activities referenced in:
- (a) Section 11.60, Florida Statutes 2009, relating to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee.
- (b) Section 11.70, Florida Statutes 2009, relating to the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.
- (c) Sections 216.0446, 216.163(2)(f), and 282.322, Florida Statutes 2009, relating to the review of information technology resources needs and a special monitoring process for designated information resources management projects.
- (3) Until superseded by any joint rule, concurrent resolution, or agreement of the President of the Senate and the

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Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this concurrent resolution, but only to the extent not inconsistent with the Laws of Florida as amended by this Legislature, the Legislative Auditing Committee may continue in operation and Joint Rule Three, relating to legislative support services, Joint Rule Four, relating to the Legislative Auditing Committee, Joint Rule Five, relating to the Auditor General, and Joint Rule Six, relating to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, are hereby suspended and the provisions of those joint rules shall operate only as agreed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

- (4) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as soon as reasonably practicable after adjournment sine die of the 2010 Regular Session, shall appoint a joint select committee to recommend joint rules deemed advisable to govern joint committee procedures and joint rules to govern legislative offices referenced in statute, including, but not limited to, the following offices as defined in HB 5709, 2010 Regular Session:
 - (a) The Administrative Procedures Committee.
 - (b) The Legislative Auditing Committee.
 - (c) The Legislative Accountability Office.
 - (d) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research.
- (5) This concurrent resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Senate and the House of Representatives.