

HB 909

2014

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Florida Mission Readiness
3 Commission; creating the commission to assess the
4 readiness of infants, children, teens, and young
5 adults to grow up to meet the challenges of adulthood;
6 requiring the commission to recommend public policy
7 initiatives that increase the preparedness of the
8 state's youth to enable them to fulfill their highest
9 potential; assigning the commission to the Department
10 of Health for administrative purposes; providing for
11 commission membership and duties; providing funding
12 and reporting requirements; providing an effective
13 date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. (1) The Florida Mission Readiness Commission
18 is created and shall be assigned to the Department of Health for
19 administrative purposes. The purpose of the commission is to
20 assess the readiness of infants, children, teens, and young
21 adults to grow up to meet the challenges of adulthood and
22 determine how that readiness is affected by physical fitness,
23 academic achievement, and character. The commission shall
24 recommend to the legislative, executive, and judicial branches
25 of state government public policy initiatives that increase the
26 preparedness and readiness of the state's youth to enable them

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27 to fulfill their highest potential and achieve maximum success
 28 as adult citizens.

29 (2) The commission shall consist of the following 21
 30 members, who shall be appointed for the 3-year duration of the
 31 commission:

32 (a) Three members appointed by the Governor.

33 (b) Two members appointed by the Attorney General.

34 (c) Two members appointed by the Commissioner of
 35 Agriculture.

36 (d) Two members appointed by the Chief Financial Officer.

37 (e) Three members appointed by the President of the
 38 Senate.

39 (f) Three members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
 40 Senate.

41 (g) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 42 Representatives.

43 (h) Three members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
 44 House of Representatives.

45 (3) Members of the commission should have professional and
 46 lifetime experience with good outcomes for infants, children,
 47 teens, and young adults and backgrounds that are well suited to
 48 lend expertise on their respective profession and industry best
 49 practices with regard to mental health, physical health, and
 50 character. Members of the commission should make every effort to
 51 serve for the entire 3-year duration of the commission's
 52 existence. If a vacancy occurs, the replacement shall be

53 appointed by the officer who made the original appointment.

54 (4) The commission shall elect a chair and vice chair at
55 its first meeting. The commission shall meet quarterly and at
56 the call of the chair. The first meeting shall be held no later
57 than March 1, 2015.

58 (5) The commission shall be funded annually by the
59 Legislature. Members of the commission shall serve without
60 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
61 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as
62 provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

63 (6) The commission shall issue a preliminary annual report
64 during the first and second years of its existence and a final
65 report no later than March 1, 2018, to the Cabinet, the
66 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
67 Representatives, and each member of the Senate and the House of
68 Representatives.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.