

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee
 2 Representative Williams, A. offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Florida Council on Poverty.-

7 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL.-The Florida Council on
 8 Poverty is established and assigned to the Department of
 9 Economic Opportunity as an advisory council, as defined in s.
 10 20.03, Florida Statutes. The council shall be administratively
 11 housed within the Department of Economic Opportunity.

12 (2) COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.-

13 (a) The council shall consist of five members who shall be
 14 residents of this state. The members shall be appointed as
 15 follows:

16 1. The Governor shall appoint one member who must be from
 17 the Florida Association for Community Action, Inc.

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18 2. The Chief Financial Officer shall appoint one member.

19 3. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint one
20 member.

21 4. The President of the Senate shall appoint one member.

22 5. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
23 appoint one member.

24 (3) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION.—

25 (a) The first meeting of the council shall be held no
26 later than August 1, 2016. Thereafter, the council shall meet at
27 least twice each year. Meetings may be held via teleconference
28 or other electronic means.

29 (b) Members of the council shall annually elect from its
30 membership a chair and vice chair. The council shall meet at the
31 call of the chair or at such times as may be prescribed by the
32 council.

33 (c) Three members of the council constitute a quorum, and
34 a meeting may not be held unless a quorum is present. The
35 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the council
36 present is necessary for any official action by the council.

37 (d) Members of the council shall serve without
38 compensation but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel
39 expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

40 (4) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.—The council shall:

41 (a) Conduct a review of policies and programs that work to
42 move people out of poverty.

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43 (b) Develop strategies to address the causes of poverty in
44 the state.

45 (c) Develop recommendations to reduce the percentage of
46 people living in poverty in the state.

47 (d) Study the academic outcomes for children in poverty
48 and develop recommendations on how to improve such outcomes.

49 (5) REPORT.—By January 15 of each year, beginning in 2018,
50 the council shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the
51 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
52 Representatives containing an accounting of its activities and
53 recommendations for legislative, administrative, and regulatory
54 reforms to facilitate efforts in mitigating the existence of
55 poverty in this state.

56 (6) The Florida Council on Poverty shall be abolished
57 effective July 1, 2019.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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61 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

62 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

63 A bill to be entitled

64 An act relating to the Florida Council on Poverty;
65 establishing the council within the Department of
66 Economic Opportunity; specifying the membership of the
67 council; providing for organization of the council;
68 authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel

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69 expenses; prescribing the scope of the council's
70 activities; requiring the council to annually submit a
71 report to the Governor and Legislature; providing for
72 a date to abolish the council; providing an effective
73 date.