

By the Committee on Governmental Reform and Oversight and
Senator Turner

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to environmental equity and
3 justice; creating s. 760.854, F.S.; creating
4 the Center for Environmental Equity and
5 Justice; providing purpose of the center;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 760.854, Florida Statutes, is
11 created to read:

12 760.854 Center for Environmental Equity and Justice.--

13 (1) There is hereby established the Center for
14 Environmental Equity and Justice.

15 (2) The purpose of the center is to conduct and
16 facilitate research, develop policies, and engage in
17 education, training, and community outreach with respect to
18 environmental equity and justice issues.

19 (3) The Center for Environmental Equity and Justice
20 shall be established at the Florida Agricultural and
21 Mechanical University within the Environmental Sciences
22 Institute.

23 (4) The Center for Environmental Equity and Justice
24 shall sponsor students to serve as interns at the Department
25 of Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, the
26 Department of Community Affairs, and other relevant state
27 agencies. The Center may enter into a memorandum of
28 understanding with these agencies to address environmental
29 equity and justice issues.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming
31 law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1516

The committee substitute places the center at the Florida
Agricultural and Mechanical University.

The committee substitute eliminates involvement of the
Department of Health and eliminates the establishment of a
death registry.