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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fairs, festivals,
3 agriculture centers, and pavilions; creating
4 the Council on Agricultural Fairs and
5 Facilities within the Department of Agriculture
6 and Consumer Services; providing membership;
7 providing responsibilities; providing per diem
8 and expenses; authorizing the council to
9 establish criteria and develop rules; providing
10 for public input; providing criteria to be used
11 in its evaluation of projects; providing that
12 the Department of State shall evaluate
13 festivals; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1.

18 (1) The Council on Agricultural Fairs and Facilities
19 is created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
20 Services. The council shall review and rank proposed projects
21 for agricultural related fairs and facilities.

22 (2) The council is to be composed of nine members
23 having agricultural related backgrounds appointed by the
24 Commissioner of Agriculture. Members of the council serve at
25 the pleasure of the commissioner. The members shall elect a
26 chair. The members are entitled to per diem and expenses as
27 provided by law.

28 (3) The council shall establish criteria and develop
29 rules for reviewing requests for state funds for fairs,
30 agriculture centers, and pavilions. The council shall solicit
31 public input in developing review criteria and a ranking

1 system or methodology. Criteria to be used in the evaluation
2 process may be based on local or in-kind match, impact of
3 project, benefit to the public or local economy, agricultural
4 interests, future costs, prioritization of associated costs,
5 and information to determine the planning and management of
6 the project.

7 Section 2. The Department of State shall evaluate
8 festivals.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
10 law.

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13 SENATE SUMMARY

14 Creates the Council on Agricultural Fairs and Facilities
15 within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
16 Services. Provides membership and responsibilities.
17 Authorizes per diem and expenses for members. Authorizes
18 the council to establish criteria and develop rules for
19 the review and ranking of proposed projects for
20 agriculture-related fairs and facilities. Provides for
21 public input. Prescribes criteria to be used in the
22 evaluation of projects. Provides that the Department of
23 State shall evaluate festivals.
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