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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to attorneys employed by the state; providing that such attorneys shall be governed by the Code of Ethics of The Florida Bar; directing the Attorney General to adopt rules for hearings and suspensions with respect to attorneys who violate the code; providing a timeframe for the adoption of rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Attorneys employed by the state to be governed by the Code of Ethics of The Florida Bar; hearings and suspensions by rule of the Attorney General.--

(1) Every attorney employed by the state shall be governed by the Code of Ethics of The Florida Bar.

(2) The Attorney General, in consultation with The Florida Bar, shall establish a procedure for hearings with respect to violations of the Code of Ethics by attorneys employed by the state and a procedure for the suspension of such attorneys for such violations. The Attorney General shall provide for the adoption of such rules no later than January 1, 1999.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that attorneys employed by the state shall be governed by the Code of Ethics of The Florida Bar. Directs the Attorney General, in consultation with The Florida Bar, to provide, by rule, for a procedure for hearings and suspensions of such attorneys who violate the Code of Ethics.