

Bill No. CS for SB 524

Amendment No.

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11 Senator Williams moved the following amendment:

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Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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On page 15, line 14, delete that line

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16 and insert:

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Section 9. (1) There shall be created within the

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Office of the Attorney General the Death Penalty Appeals Task

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Force. The Task Force shall be composed of:

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(a) Two persons appointed by the Chief Justice of the

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Supreme Court;

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(b) Two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House

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of Representatives;

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(c) Two persons appointed by the President of the

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Senate;

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(d) Two persons appointed by the Governor;

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(e) The Attorney General or his or her designee;

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(f) Two persons appointed by the Florida Public

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Defenders Association; and

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(g) Two persons appointed by the Florida Prosecuting

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Attorneys Association.

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1 (2) The task force members shall serve from
2 appointment until the adjournment sine die of the regular
3 legislative session held in 1999.

4 (3) The task force shall elect one of its members as
5 chairperson.

6 (4) The members of the task force shall serve without
7 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel
8 expenses as provided in section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

9 (5) The task force shall examine and recommend methods
10 to avoid multiple appeals and to avoid unjustifiable delays in
11 death penalty cases.

12 (6) The actions, investigations, and proceedings of
13 the task force are exempt from the provisions of chapter 120,
14 Florida Statutes.

15 (7) The task force may procure information and
16 assistance from any officer or agency of the state or any
17 subdivision thereof, including all courts of this state. A
18 document or other information that is exempt from public
19 inspection under chapter 119, Florida Statutes, does not
20 become a public record when it is provided by any officer or
21 agency to the task force for review or consideration, and the
22 task force shall maintain the confidentiality of such document
23 or information.

24 (8) The task force may appoint an executive director,
25 who shall serve at the pleasure of the task force, and may
26 hire additional staff as necessary.

27 (9) The task force shall submit a report with
28 recommended changes, if any, by December 1, 1998, to the
29 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
30 House of Representatives and to the leader of the party in
31 each chamber which is not the party of the presiding officer.

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1 Section 10. Except for this section and section 9,
2 which shall take effect upon becoming a law, this act shall
3 take effect October 1, 1998.

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6 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

7 And the title is amended as follows:

8 On page 1, line 24, delete that line

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10 and insert:

11 creating a task force to review the death
12 penalty appeal process; providing for the
13 composition of the task force; providing for
14 the term of the task force; providing for
15 organization and composition; providing for
16 powers and duties; requiring the task force to
17 maintain the confidentiality of certain
18 documents and other information; providing
19 effective dates.

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21 WHEREAS, because the effectiveness of the death penalty
22 as a deterrent to violent crime is related to its swift and
23 fair application to criminals sentenced to die, it is
24 important to review the current laws and procedures applicable
25 to death penalty appeals to assure that the process best
26 serves society's interests within the boundaries established
27 by the State Constitution and the Constitution of the United
28 States, NOW, THEREFORE,

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