

By Senator Meadows

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See HB 1629

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state government; creating a  
3           Science Advisory Board; providing for  
4           qualifications and appointment of members;  
5           providing for expenses; providing duties of the  
6           board with respect to risk impact statements  
7           prepared by agencies and risk assessment  
8           issues; providing administrative duties of the  
9           Economic and Demographic Research Division of  
10          the Joint Legislative Management Committee;  
11          providing an appropriation; providing an  
12          effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. Science Advisory Board.--17           (1) There is created the Science Advisory Board.

18           (2) The board shall consist of nine members, who shall  
19 collectively represent the disciplines of biostatistics,  
20 exposure modeling for the fate and transport of air  
21 pollutants, exposure modeling for the fate and transport of  
22 water pollutants, epidemiology, human health risk assessment  
23 and human toxicology, ecological risk assessment and aquatic  
24 or wildlife toxicology, public health, risk communication, and  
25 economics. Each board member must have a postgraduate degree  
26 in at least one of the disciplines specified in this  
27 subsection, and at least 6 years of experience in the  
28 discipline represented by the member on the board. The  
29 representative of the discipline of public health must be a  
30 medical doctor. Preference shall be given in choosing board  
31 members to individuals with knowledge of, or experience in,

1 risk assessment procedures, if available. Additional  
2 employment experience may be substituted for a postgraduate  
3 degree in order for a person to qualify for membership on the  
4 board. No more than six members of the board may be employees  
5 of the state or any political subdivision of the state, or  
6 members of the faculty of a state university. No employee of  
7 the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of  
8 Agriculture and Consumer Services, or a water management  
9 district pursuant to chapter 373, Florida Statutes, may be a  
10 member of the board until 2 years following termination or  
11 vacation of that person's employment with the respective  
12 entity. At least three members of the board should not be  
13 principally employed by an academic institution. At least two  
14 of the initial members of the board should have served on the  
15 Risk-Based Priority Council created by chapter 95-295, Laws of  
16 Florida.

17 (3) The board shall be appointed as follows:

18 (a) The Governor shall appoint three members to the  
19 board, one of whom must be an expert in biostatistics, one of  
20 whom must be an expert in human health risk assessment and  
21 human toxicology, and one of whom must be an expert in public  
22 health and a medical doctor with at least 6 years of  
23 experience in public health.

24 (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint three  
25 members of the board, one of whom must be an expert in  
26 exposure modeling for the fate and transport of air  
27 pollutants, one of whom must be an expert in epidemiology, and  
28 one of whom must be an expert in economics.

29 (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
30 appoint three members to the board, one of whom must be an  
31 expert in exposure modeling for the fate and transport of

1 water pollutants, one of whom must be an expert in ecological  
2 risk assessment and aquatic or wildlife toxicology, and one of  
3 whom must be an expert in risk communication.

4 (4) The members of the board shall serve staggered  
5 3-year terms. To initially accomplish staggered terms, the  
6 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
7 House of Representatives shall each assign 1-year, 2-year, and  
8 3-year terms among their initial three appointees. All  
9 subsequent appointments shall be for full 3-year terms.

10 (5) The members of the board shall be appointed within  
11 90 days after the effective date of this act. The members of  
12 the board shall select a chair and vice chair to serve 2-year  
13 terms. A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same  
14 manner as the initial appointment.

15 (6) The board members shall receive reimbursement for  
16 travel and per diem expenses incurred while engaged in the  
17 business of the board as provided by section 112.061, Florida  
18 Statutes.

19 (7) The board shall:

20 (a) Provide advice and guidance to agencies in the  
21 preparation of risk impact statements and on risk assessment  
22 issues.

23 (b) Provide oversight of agency preparation of risk  
24 impact statements and issue a report addressing the following  
25 issues with each risk impact statement prepared:

26 1. Whether the problem formulation, boundaries, and  
27 context of the risk impact statement were reasonable and  
28 appropriate.

29 2. The adequacy of the opportunity for stakeholder  
30 input and participation in the development of the risk impact  
31 statement, including communication to and input from

1 populations of special risk, including elderly, minority, and  
2 low-income persons.

3 3. The adequacy of the peer review process for the  
4 risk impact statement.

5 4. Any areas of disagreement between the agency and  
6 the board regarding development and use of the risk impact  
7 statement.

8 (c) Create and maintain a list of experts to perform  
9 peer review of risk impact statements.

10 (d) Review and update, as necessary, the guidelines  
11 for risk analysis prepared by the Risk-Based Priority Council.

12 (e) Recommend to the Legislature, when necessary,  
13 needed legislation in the area of risk assessment.

14 (f) Provide advice and guidance to agencies and the  
15 Legislature on the use of science and risk assessment in  
16 policymaking, when requested.

17 (8) For administrative purposes, the board is assigned  
18 to the Economic and Demographic Research Division of the Joint  
19 Legislative Management Committee, which shall provide staff  
20 and assistance to the board.

21 Section 2. There is hereby annually appropriated the  
22 sum of \$20,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Joint  
23 Legislative Management Committee to pay travel and per diem  
24 expenses of the Science Advisory Board.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
26 law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Creates a 9-member Science Advisory Board to provide advice, guidance, and oversight with respect to risk assessment issues and risk impact statements prepared by agencies.