A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to agriculture; creating the Florida Commission on Federal and State 3 Agricultural Relations; providing for its 4 5 membership and duties; providing for members' per diem and travel expenses; requiring 6 7 reports; providing an effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Florida Commission on Federal and State 12 Agricultural Relations. --13 (1)(a) There is created within the Department of 14 Agriculture and Consumer Services the Florida Commission on 15 Federal and State Agricultural Relations. The commission shall be composed of 16 members, as follows: Two members shall be 16 members of the Florida Senate appointed by the President of 17 the Senate; three members shall be members of the Florida 18 19 House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House 20 of Representatives; the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, and the 21 22 Commissioner of Agriculture shall each appoint two residents of the state who are engaged in the agriculture business, and 23 24 each appointing authority shall consult with all the other 25 appointing authorities to make certain that a diversity of agricultural business interests are represented on the 26 27 commission; and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall request 28 two members of the United States Congress and the state 29 executive director of the Farm Services Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture to serve on the commission. 30

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1	(b) The members representing agricultural business
2	interests shall be appointed to 4-year terms. A vacancy on the
3	commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
4	appointment. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall serve as
5	chair of the commission.
6	(c) Commission members shall serve without
7	compensation, but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel
8	expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, up
9	to a maximum of \$10,000 for the commission, per year.
10	(2) The commission shall coordinate, in manners and
11	methods deemed appropriate, the efforts of federal and state
12	agencies to identify, seek out, and assist local agencies in
13	maximizing the amount of federal funds obtained for Florida
14	agricultural purposes.
15	(3) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall annually
16	report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
17	House of Representatives on the actions of the commission
18	pursuant to this section.
19	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
20	law.
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25	Creates the Florida Commission on Federal and State Agricultural Relations to coordinate certain federal and
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