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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to agriculture; creating the
3 Florida Commission on Federal and State
4 Agricultural Relations; providing for its
5 membership and duties; providing an effective
6 date.

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

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10 Section 1. Florida Commission on Federal and State
11 Agricultural Relations.--

12 (1)(a) There is created within the Department of
13 Agriculture and Consumer Services the Florida Commission on
14 Federal and State Agricultural Relations composed of 16
15 members. Two members shall be members of the Florida Senate
16 appointed by the President of the Senate; three members shall
17 be members of the Florida House of Representatives appointed
18 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; two members
19 shall be members of Congress appointed by the Commissioner of
20 Agriculture. The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives, the Governor, and the Commissioner
22 of Agriculture shall each appoint two residents of the state
23 who are engaged in the agriculture business, and each
24 appointing authority shall consult with all the other
25 appointing authorities to make certain that a diversity of
26 agricultural business interests are represented on the
27 commission. The resident agricultural members shall be
28 appointed to 4-year terms. A vacancy will be filled in the
29 same manner as the original appointment. The Commissioner of
30 Agriculture shall serve as chairperson of the Commission.

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1 (b) Members shall serve without compensation, but may
2 be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses in accordance
3 with s. 112.061.

4 (2) The commission shall coordinate efforts to
5 maximize federal funds for Florida agricultural purposes.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

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Creates the Florida Commission on Federal and State
Agricultural Relations to coordinate efforts to maximize
12 federal funding for Florida agricultural purposes.

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