

By the Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Services; and
Senators Mitchell, Klein, Dyer, Forman and Kirkpatrick

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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 for members'
6 per diem and travel expenses; requiring
7 reports; providing an effective date.

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

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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
16 be composed of 16 members, as follows: Two members shall be
17 members of the Florida Senate appointed by the President of
18 the Senate; three members shall be members of the Florida
19 House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House
20 of Representatives; the President of the Senate, the Speaker
21 of the House of Representatives, the Governor, and the
22 Commissioner of Agriculture shall each appoint two residents
23 of the state who are engaged in the agriculture business, and
24 each 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; 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
30 States Department of Agriculture to serve on the commission.

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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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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 706

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 706 is different from
Senate Bill 706 in that it:

- Includes the state executive director of the Farm Services Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture in the membership of the Florida Commission on Federal and State Agricultural Relations.
- Authorizes a maximum of \$10,000 per year to provide commission members with per diem and travel expenses.
- Requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to report annually to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the actions of the Florida Commission on Federal and State Agricultural Relations.