

By Senator McKay

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Olympic Games; providing legislative intent and establishing a process to evaluate the benefits of Tampa's hosting the Olympic Games in 2012; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) Through the medium of sport and athletic competition, the Olympic Games make an important contribution to building a better, more peaceful world by displaying to the world the highest ideals of mutual understanding, friendship, respect, solidarity, and fair play. To assist in promoting these ideals, and in recognition of the potential benefits to this state and its residents, the Legislature expresses its desire to bring the Olympic Games to this state and to assist the City of Tampa and its official bid committee, Florida 2012, a nonprofit domestic corporation, in their efforts to secure the designation of Tampa as the host city for the XXXth Olympic Summer Games in 2012.

(2) The Legislature shall establish a process to evaluate the short-term and long-term benefits to the state and its residents of hosting the Olympic Games, to identify the action the state should take to give the state's bid to host the games the greatest chance of success, and to determine the actions the state should take to ensure that any Olympic Games hosted in this state provide a lasting legacy of which all Floridians can be proud.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Declares legislative intent and provides for the establishment of a process to evaluate the benefits of Tampa's hosting the Olympic Games in 2012.