By Representatives Alexander, Bowen, Bennett, Spratt and ${\tt Gibson}$

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to compensation of public

officials and employees called to active military service; amending s. 115.14, F.S.; authorizing the employing authorities of public officials and employees to supplement the military pay of those officials and employees who are called to active service in either the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 115.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

115.14 Employees.—All employees of the state, the several counties of the state, and the municipalities or political subdivisions of the state may, in the discretion of the employing authority of such employee, be granted leave of absence under the terms of this law; upon such leave of absence being granted said employee shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as are hereby granted to officials under this law, insofar as may be. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 115.09, the employing authority may supplement the military pay of its officials and employees who are officers or enlisted personnel in the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States reservists called to active military service for the first 30 days with full pay and, thereafter, in an amount necessary to bring their total salary, inclusive of their base military pay, to

the level earned at the time they were called to active military duty. The employing authority may also, in its discretion, continue to provide any health insurance and other existing benefits to such officials and employees. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. ********** HOUSE SUMMARY Authorizes the employing authorities of public officials and employees to supplement the military pay of those officials and employees who are called to active service in either the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States.