

By Senator Futch

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to governmental reorganization;  
3           creating the Law Enforcement Agency  
4           Consolidation Study Commission within the  
5           Executive Office of the Governor; providing for  
6           the membership of the commission; requiring the  
7           commission to study the effects of  
8           consolidating the law enforcement agencies in  
9           this state under a unified command; requiring  
10          an initial report to the Governor and  
11          Legislature; providing that commission members  
12          are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and  
13          travel expenses; requiring the commission to  
14          submit a final report to the Legislature;  
15          specifying requirements for the final report;  
16          requiring the commission to recommend  
17          consolidating and restructuring various  
18          departments and agencies that employ law  
19          enforcement personnel; abolishing the  
20          commission on a specified date; providing an  
21          effective date.

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23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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25           Section 1. Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Study  
26 Commission.--

27           (1)(a) There is created within the Executive Office of  
28 the Governor the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Study  
29 Commission. The commission shall be composed of:  
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1           1. Two representatives from private corporate industry  
2 who have expertise in corporate mergers, appointed by the  
3 Governor;

4           2. The Attorney General or his or her designee;

5           3. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President  
6 of the Senate; and

7           4. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed  
8 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

9           (b) The Executive Office of the Governor shall provide  
10 staff support for the commission. The commission shall select  
11 a chairperson from among its members.

12           (2)(a) The commission shall meet for the purpose of  
13 studying the effects of consolidating the law enforcement  
14 agencies in this state under a unified command. The commission  
15 shall submit an initial report of its findings and  
16 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
17 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by March 1,  
18 2003. The commission may file additional reports or  
19 recommendations as are necessary in carrying out its duties.

20           (b) Members of the commission shall not receive  
21 compensation other than the salaries received in the course of  
22 their employment, but the members are entitled to  
23 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses in accordance  
24 with section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

25           (3) The commission shall:

26           (a) Require each state department, division, or agency  
27 to submit a report to the commission on the number of  
28 positions within that department, division, or agency which  
29 are positions for sworn law enforcement personnel and identify  
30 any section of the Florida Statutes upon which the department,  
31 division, or agency relies for authority to employ the sworn

1 law enforcement personnel. The report must be submitted to the  
2 commission by October 1, 2002.

3 (b) Prepare and submit a report to the Legislature  
4 before the 2003 Regular Session which includes recommendations  
5 for:

6 1. Proposed legislation to revise the Florida Statutes  
7 to reflect the consolidation of all positions for sworn law  
8 enforcement personnel within the Department of Law  
9 Enforcement. The commission may consult with any state agency  
10 in preparing proposed legislation and may direct the Division  
11 of Statutory Revision of the Office of Legislative Services to  
12 assist the commission in identifying relevant sections of the  
13 Florida Statutes.

14 2. Changes within any affected department, division,  
15 or agency to reduce administrators and management personnel  
16 and save expenses as a result of consolidation.

17 3. Repeals of Florida Statutes to reflect any  
18 consolidation of positions for sworn law enforcement  
19 personnel.

20 4. Changes within the Department of Law Enforcement to  
21 reflect the proposed consolidation. Any recommendation may  
22 include the creation of new divisions or the restructuring of  
23 divisions within the department and any recommended  
24 legislation.

25 (4) In addition to any other affected department,  
26 division, or agency, the commission shall make recommendations  
27 for consolidating and restructuring the Department of  
28 Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of  
29 Environmental Protection, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages  
30 and Tobacco within the Department of Business and Professional  
31 Regulation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor

1 Vehicles, the Division of Insurance Fraud within the  
2 Department of Insurance, the Florida Capitol Police within the  
3 Department of Management Services, the Office of Motor Carrier  
4 Compliance within the Department of Transportation, the Bureau  
5 of Fire Investigation within the Division of State Fire  
6 Marshal of the Department of Insurance, the Fish and Wildlife  
7 Conservation Commission, the Florida Agricultural and  
8 Mechanical University Police, the Florida Atlantic University  
9 Police Department, the Florida Gulf Coast University Campus  
10 Police and Safety, the Florida International University Public  
11 Safety Department, the University Police Department of Florida  
12 State University, the Pensacola Junior College Police  
13 Department, the Santa Fe Community College Police Department,  
14 the University of Central Florida University Police  
15 Department, the University of Florida University Police  
16 Department, the University of North Florida University Police  
17 Department, the University of South Florida Campus Police  
18 Department, the University of West Florida Police Department,  
19 the Division of Blind Services within the Department of  
20 Education, the parks police of the Division of Recreation and  
21 Parks within the Department of Environmental Protection, and  
22 all medical officers within the Agency for Health Care  
23 Administration who are sworn law enforcement officers.

24 (5) The commission is abolished July 1, 2003.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Study Commission within the Executive Office of the Governor. Requires that the commission study the effects of consolidating the law enforcement agencies in this state under a unified command. Requires an initial report to the Governor and Legislature. Requires a final report to the Legislature containing recommendations for proposed legislation. Abolishes the commission on July 1, 2003. (See bill for details.)