

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;
and Senator Futch

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to law enforcement; creating

3 the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task

4 Force within the Executive Office of the

5 Governor; prescribing task force membership;

6 providing for meetings and duties of the task

7 force; providing for reimbursement; requiring

8 the Executive Office of the Governor to provide

9 staff support; requiring cooperation by state

10 agencies; requiring state agencies that have

11 law enforcement functions or sworn law

12 enforcement personnel to submit a report to the

13 task force; providing for abolishing the task

14 force at a future date; providing an effective

15 date.

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

19 Section 1. Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task
20 Force.--

21 (1)(a) There is created within the Executive Office of
22 the Governor the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task
23 Force. Members of the task force shall be appointed by July 1,
24 2002. Members shall include:

25 1. Two representatives from private corporate industry
26 who have expertise in corporate mergers, appointed by the
27 Governor;

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

29 3. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President
30 of the Senate; and

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1 4. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed
2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 (b) The first meeting of the task force shall be held
4 by July 15, 2002, at which time the members shall select by
5 majority vote a chairperson from among its members. All other
6 recommendations of the task force shall be by majority vote.
7 The task force is subject to the requirements of chapter 119,
8 Florida Statutes. All meetings of the task force shall be in
9 accordance with section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and the
10 public in attendance shall be given the opportunity to
11 participate. The Executive Office of the Governor shall ensure
12 that those persons who request notification of the time and
13 place of any meeting of the task force, including its initial
14 meeting, shall be given such notice in a timely fashion.

15 (c) Members of the task force are entitled to
16 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses in accordance
17 with section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

18 (d) The Executive Office of the Governor shall provide
19 staff support for the task force within existing
20 appropriations.

21 (2)(a) The task force shall study the effects of
22 consolidating law enforcement functions in state agencies
23 under a unified command. The task force shall submit a
24 preliminary draft report of its findings and recommendations
25 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker
26 of the House of Representatives at least 45 days before the
27 first day of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature. The
28 final report shall be filed with the Governor, the President
29 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
30 at least 30 days before the first day of the 2003 Regular
31 Session.

- 1 **(b) The preliminary and final report must:**
- 2 **1. Identify all law enforcement functions and**
- 3 **personnel positions that exist in each state agency;**
- 4 **2. Identify all statutory provisions that assign law**
- 5 **enforcement duties to state agencies;**
- 6 **3. Identify the options considered by the task force**
- 7 **for consolidation of state law enforcement functions, duties,**
- 8 **and personnel, and identify costs for consolidation under each**
- 9 **option considered;**
- 10 **4. Recommend the best option for consolidating all law**
- 11 **enforcement functions or law enforcement personnel, or both,**
- 12 **including a cost analysis and comparison, with supporting**
- 13 **analysis.**
- 14 **5. Recommend proposed legislation based upon the**
- 15 **recommended best option for consolidating all law enforcement**
- 16 **functions or law enforcement personnel, or both. Such proposed**
- 17 **legislation must include provision for any necessary**
- 18 **restructuring of agencies as a result of the recommended**
- 19 **reorganization.**
- 20 **(3)(a) Each state agency shall fully cooperate with**
- 21 **the task force in the performance of its duties.**
- 22 **(b) Each agency that has been assigned law enforcement**
- 23 **functions or that employs sworn law enforcement personnel**
- 24 **shall submit to the task force a report that identifies each**
- 25 **provision of law upon which that agency relies for authority**
- 26 **to perform law enforcement functions and to employ such**
- 27 **officers. This report shall be submitted to the task force by**
- 28 **October 1, 2002.**
- 29 **(4) The task force is abolished July 1, 2003.**
- 30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
- 31 law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SB 1404

Corrects technical and other deficiencies noted in the staff analysis.
Clarifies that task force action is based upon majority vote.
Clarifies that open government requirements apply.
Establishes preliminary and final report requirement.
Requires certain agencies to assist the task force in the performance of its duties.