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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to law enforcement; creating the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task Force within the Executive Office of the Governor; prescribing task force membership; providing for meetings and duties of the task force; providing for reimbursement; requiring the Executive Office of the Governor to provide staff support; requiring cooperation by state agencies; requiring state agencies that have law enforcement functions or sworn law enforcement personnel to submit a report to the task force; providing for abolishing the task force at a future date; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

- 1. Two representatives from private corporate industry who have expertise in corporate mergers, appointed by the Governor;
- 2. The Attorney General or his or her designee;
- 3. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

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; and
10 4. If the task force determines that partial or total
11 consolidation of law enforcement functions or personnel, or
12 both, would best preserve and promote public safety and be in
13 the best interests of the state, recommend the best option for
14 consolidating law enforcement functions or personnel, or both,
15 including a cost analysis and comparison, with supporting
16 analysis.
17 (3)(a) Each state agency shall fully cooperate with
18 the task force in the performance of its duties.
19 (b) Each agency that has been assigned law enforcement
20 functions or that employs sworn law enforcement personnel
21 shall submit to the task force a report that identifies each
22 provision of law upon which that agency relies for authority
23 to perform law enforcement functions and to employ such
24 officers. This report shall be submitted to the task force by
25 October 1, 2002.
26 (4) The task force is abolished July 1, 2003.
27 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
28 law.
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
CS 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.
- Provides that if the task force determines that partial or total consolidation of law enforcement functions or personnel, or both, would preserve and promote public safety and be in the best interests of the state, the task force must recommend the best option of consolidating law enforcement functions or personnel, or both, including a cost analysis and comparison with supporting analysis.