

By Senator Crist

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to private security officers;
3 establishing an advisory committee; providing
4 for its membership and responsibilities;
5 providing an appropriation; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. (1) A committee is created under the
11 leadership of the Secretary of State for the purpose of
12 recommending minimum qualifications and training standards for
13 a new class of private security officer specializing in
14 terrorism prevention. The committee shall be composed of 15
15 members, 7 of whom are to be appointed by the Governor, 3 of
16 whom are to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and 3
17 of whom are to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives. In addition, the Chief Health Officer of the
19 state shall serve as a member, and the Secretary of State or
20 his or her designee shall serve as the chairperson of the
21 committee. Committee appointments shall be made as follows:

22 (a) The Governor shall appoint a representative from
23 the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; a representative
24 from the Department of Community Affairs, Division of
25 Emergency Management Services; a representative from the
26 Florida National Guard; a representative from the University
27 of South Florida Center for Biological Defense; a
28 representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association; and two
29 representatives from companies that currently provide
30 contra-terrorism training and services.

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1 (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint a
2 representative from the Association of Private Sector
3 Security; a representative from the Florida Fire Chiefs
4 Association; and a representative from a company that
5 currently provides contra-terrorism training and services.

6 (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
7 appoint a representative from the Florida Association of
8 Firefighters; a representative from the Florida Police Chiefs
9 Association; and a representative from a company that
10 currently provides contra-terrorism training and services.

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12 The appointments must be made by July 1, 2002, and the
13 committee shall hold its first meeting by August 1, 2002. Any
14 vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee is to be
15 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

16 (2) Each member of the committee is entitled to one
17 vote, and action of the committee is not binding unless taken
18 by a majority vote of the entire membership of the committee.

19 (3) The committee shall provide recommendations to:

20 (a) Establish different types of private security
21 officers who specialize in the prevention of terrorism.

22 (b) Establish certification requirements for each type
23 of private security officer who specializes in the prevention
24 of terrorism;

25 (c) Identify those facilities that will benefit from
26 the protection of private security officer who specialize in
27 the prevention of terrorism;

28 (d) Determine the appropriate type of private security
29 officer to protect each type of facility from terrorism;

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1 (e) Determine the necessary length of time to
2 implement a certification program for private security
3 officers who specialize in the prevention of terrorism; and

4 (f) Establish penalties for failure to comply with the
5 certification program contemplated by this act.

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7 The committee may provide any other recommendations it
8 considers appropriate, and may seek the advice of federal
9 agencies.

10 (4) The committee shall, by December 1, 2002, provide
11 to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives, and the Governor a written report containing
13 its specific recommendations, including its legislative
14 recommendations.

15 (5) Committee members shall receive no compensation
16 for their services, but members other than public officers and
17 employees shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Department
18 of State for per diem and travel expenses as provided in
19 chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Public officers and employees
20 shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies as provided
21 in chapter 112, Florida Statutes.

22 (6) All agencies under the control of the Governor are
23 directed, and all other agencies are requested, to render
24 assistance and cooperation to the committee.

25 (7) The committee shall continue in existence until
26 its objectives are achieved, but not later than December 31,
27 2002.

28 Section 2. The sum of \$36,000 is appropriated from the
29 General Revenue Fund to the Department of State to administer
30 the provisions of this act.

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