

Bill No. CS for SB 1214

Amendment No. Barcode 273040

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Senator Smith moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, lines 3-20, delete those lines

and insert:

760.021 Enforcement.--

(1) The Attorney General may commence a civil action for damages, injunctive relief, civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, or any other relief that may be appropriate under law if the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that any person or group:

(a) Has engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination as defined by state law; or

(b) Has been discriminated against as defined by state law and such discrimination raises an issue of general public importance.

(2) The Attorney General may file an action under this section in the circuit court of the county where the complaint arises or in the circuit court for the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County.

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1 (3) In any proceeding under this section, the
2 respondent may request, before any responsive pleading is due,
3 that a hearing be held no earlier than 5 days but no more than
4 30 days after the filing of the complaint. At the hearing, the
5 Attorney General must demonstrate to the court that a prima
6 facie case of a pattern or practice of discrimination exists
7 or that, as a result of discrimination, an issue of general
8 public importance exists.

9 (4) The Attorney General is entitled to an award of
10 reasonable attorney's fees and costs if the Department of
11 Legal Affairs prevails in an action brought under this
12 section.

13 (5) Any damages recovered under this section shall
14 accrue to the injured party.

15 (6) Civil penalties collected under this section
16 accrue to the state and shall be deposited into the General
17 Revenue Fund unallocated.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 1, line 8, after the semicolon,

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24 insert:

25 providing for venue; providing for a hearing to
26 determine a prima facie case;

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