

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to food safety; creating s.
3 500.033, F.S.; creating the Florida Food Safety
4 and Food Security Advisory Council as a forum
5 for evaluation of food safety and food security
6 issues; providing membership; requiring
7 reporting of findings and recommendations;
8 providing for review of certain data; providing
9 appropriations; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 500.033, Florida Statutes, is
14 created to read:15 500.033 Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory
16 Council.--17 (1) There is created the Florida Food Safety and Food
18 Security Advisory Council for the purpose of serving as a
19 forum for presenting, investigating, and evaluating issues of
20 current importance to the assurance of a safe and secure food
21 supply to the citizens of Florida. The Florida Food Safety and
22 Food Security Advisory Council shall consist of, but not be
23 limited to: the Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her
24 designee; the Secretary of Health or his or her designee; the
25 Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation or his or
26 her designee; the person responsible for domestic security
27 with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; members
28 representing the production, processing, distribution, and
29 sale of foods; consumers and/or members of citizens groups or
30 food industry groups; scientists or other experts in aspects
31 of food safety from state universities; representatives from

1 local, state, and federal agencies that are charged with
2 responsibilities for food safety or food security; the chairs
3 of the Agriculture Committees of the Senate and the House of
4 Representatives or their designees; and the chairs of the
5 committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives with
6 jurisdictional oversight of home defense issues or their
7 designees. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint the
8 remaining members. The council shall make periodic reports to
9 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services concerning
10 findings and recommendations in the area of food safety and
11 food security.

12 (2) The council shall consider the development of
13 appropriate advice or recommendations on food safety or food
14 security issues. In the discharge of their duties, the council
15 members may receive for review confidential data exempt from
16 the provisions of s. 119.07(1); however, it is unlawful for
17 any member of the council to use the data for his or her
18 advantage or reveal the data to the general public.

19 Section 2. There is hereby provided for fiscal year
20 2003-2004 an appropriation in the expenses category the sum of
21 \$5,000 from the Contract and Grants Trust Fund within the
22 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the sum of
23 \$5,000 from the General Inspection Trust Fund within the
24 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for use in
25 payment of associated costs in the conduct of activities of
26 the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.
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