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See HB 85

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to law enforcement; creating
3 the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task
4 Force; providing for the appointment of
5 members; providing for duties; providing for a
6 report addressing the effects of the
7 consolidation of all sworn law enforcement
8 positions in the state; providing a freeze on
9 management/administration positions; providing
10 for future repeal; providing an effective date.

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

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

16 (1)(a) There is created within the Executive Office of
17 the Governor the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task
18 Force. Members of the task force shall be appointed no later
19 than July 10, 2003. The task force shall be composed of:

- 20 1. Two representatives from private industry who have
- 21 expertise in corporate mergers, appointed by the Governor;
- 22 2. The Attorney General or his or her designee;
- 23 3. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President
- 24 of the Senate; and
- 25 4. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed
- 26 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

27 (b) The first meeting of the task force shall be held
28 no later than July 15, 2003, at which time the members shall
29 select by majority vote a chair from among its members. All
30 other recommendations of the task force shall be by majority
31 vote of those members in attendance. Three members of the

1 task force shall constitute a quorum. The task force is
2 subject to the requirements of chapter 119, Florida Statutes.
3 All meetings of the task force shall be in accordance with
4 section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and the public in
5 attendance at any meeting shall be given the opportunity to
6 participate. The Executive Office of the Governor shall
7 ensure that those persons who request notification of the time
8 and place of any meeting of the task force, including its
9 initial meeting, shall receive such notice in a timely
10 fashion.

11 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without
12 compensation. Members are entitled to reimbursement for per
13 diem and travel expenses in accordance with section 112.061,
14 Florida Statutes.

15 (d) The Executive Office of the Governor shall provide
16 staff support for the task force within existing
17 appropriations.

18 (2)(a) The task force shall meet for the purpose of
19 studying the effects of consolidating law enforcement or
20 commission functions in state agencies under a unified
21 command. The task force shall submit a preliminary report of
22 its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the
23 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives no later than 45 days prior to the first day
25 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature. The final
26 report shall be filed with the Governor, the President of the
27 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no
28 later than 30 days prior to the first day of the 2004 Regular
29 Session of the Legislature.

30 (b) The preliminary and final report shall:
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1 1. Identify all law enforcement functions and duties
2 of personnel positions that exist in each state agency;

3 2. Identify all statutory provisions assigning law
4 enforcement duties to state agencies;

5 3. Identify the options considered by the task force
6 for consolidation of state law enforcement functions, duties,
7 and personnel and identify costs for consolidation under each
8 option considered;

9 4. Determine whether consolidation of any law
10 enforcement functions or law enforcement personnel, or both,
11 would prove more effective and efficient. Such determination
12 shall include a cost analysis and comparison, with supporting
13 analysis; and

14 5. If the determination is made that consolidation is
15 more effective and efficient, recommend proposed legislation
16 based upon the recommended best option for consolidating any
17 law enforcement functions or law enforcement personnel, or
18 both. Such proposed legislation shall include, but not be
19 limited to, provision for any necessary restructuring of
20 agencies as a result of the recommended reorganization.

21 (3)(a) Each state agency shall fully cooperate with
22 the task force in the performance of its duties under this
23 section.

24 (b) Each agency that has been assigned law enforcement
25 functions or which employs sworn law enforcement personnel
26 shall provide a report to the task force that identifies each
27 section of law upon which that agency relies for authority to
28 perform law enforcement functions and to employ sworn law
29 enforcement officers. This report shall be submitted to the
30 task force no later than August 1, 2003.

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1 (4) All management/administration positions vacant on
2 the effective date of this act, are frozen until the
3 recommendations of the commission are acted upon.
4 (5) This section is repealed on July 1, 2004.
5 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
6 law.
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