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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to food safety; creating s. 500.033, F.S.; creating the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council as a forum for evaluation of food safety and food security issues; providing membership; requiring reporting of findings and recommendations; providing for review of certain data; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 500.033, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

500.033 Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council.--

(1) There is created the Florida Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council for the purpose of serving as a forum for presenting, investigating, and evaluating issues of current importance to the assurance of a safe and secure food supply to



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29 the citizens of Florida. The Florida Food Safety and Food  
30 Security Advisory Council shall consist of, but not be limited  
31 to: the Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee; the  
32 Secretary of Health or his or her designee; the Secretary of  
33 Business and Professional Regulation or his or her designee;  
34 members representing the production, processing, distribution,  
35 and sale of foods; consumers and/or members of citizens groups  
36 or food industry groups; scientists or other experts in aspects  
37 of food safety from state universities; representatives from  
38 local, state, and federal agencies that are charged with  
39 responsibilities for food safety or food security; the chairs of  
40 the Agriculture Committees of the Senate and the House of  
41 Representatives or their designees; and the chairs of the  
42 committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives with  
43 jurisdictional oversight of home defense issues or their  
44 designees. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint the  
45 remaining members. The council shall make periodic reports to  
46 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services concerning  
47 findings and recommendations in the area of food safety and food  
48 security.

49 (2) The council shall consider the development of  
50 appropriate advice or recommendations on food safety or food  
51 security issues. In the discharge of their duties, the council  
52 members may receive for review confidential data exempt from the  
53 provisions of s. 119.07(1); however, it is unlawful for any  
54 member of the council to use the data for his or her advantage  
55 or reveal the data to the general public.



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56           Section 2. There is hereby provided a continuing  
57 appropriation in the expenses category the sum of \$5,000 from  
58 the Contract and Grants Trust Fund within the Department of  
59 Agriculture and Consumer Services and the sum of \$5,000 from the  
60 General Inspection Trust Fund within the Department of  
61 Agriculture and Consumer Services for use in payment of  
62 associated costs in the conduct of activities of the Florida  
63 Food Safety and Food Security Advisory Council.

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