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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other
3 transactions; creating the Sales Tax Exemption Commission;
4 providing for membership and duties of the commission;
5 requiring the commission to report to the Governor and to
6 legislative leaders; prohibiting the creation of new sales
7 tax exemptions for a specified period; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Sales Tax Exemption Commission; creation;
13 membership; duties; prohibition.--

14 (1) There is created the Sales Tax Exemption Commission,
15 consisting of nine residents of this state, none of whom may be
16 a member of the Florida Legislature. The Governor shall appoint
17 three members of the commission; the President of the Senate
18 shall appoint two members; the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives shall appoint two members; the Minority Leader
20 of the Senate shall appoint one member; and the Minority Leader
21 of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member. The
22 membership of the commission must be representative of the
23 racial, gender, and economic diversity of the state.

24 (2) The duties of the commission are to review all sales
25 tax exemptions and make recommendations for eliminating
26 exemptions during fiscal years 2004-2005 through 2009-2010 so as
27 to generate a minimum of \$25 billion in additional state
28 revenue.

29 (3) The additional revenue generated because of the
30 elimination of sales tax exemptions under subsection (2) must be



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31 used to meet requirements for reducing class sizes in grades K-
32 12 which are set forth in Section 1 of Article IX of the State
33 Constitution and for hiring new teachers as necessary to fulfill
34 those requirements.

35 (4) By January 1, 2004, the commission shall report its
36 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
37 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader
38 of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of
39 Representatives.

40 (5) Between fiscal year 2004-2005 and fiscal year 2009-
41 2010, no new sales tax exemptions may be established in this
42 state.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.