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

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

19 1. Two representatives from private industry who have
20 expertise in corporate mergers, appointed by the Governor;

21 2. The Attorney General or his or her designee;

22 3. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of
23 the Senate; and

24 4. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
25 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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



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31 shall constitute a quorum. The task force is subject to the
32 requirements of chapter 119, Florida Statutes. All meetings of
33 the task force shall be in accordance with s. 286.011, Florida
34 Statutes, and the public in attendance at any meeting shall be
35 given the opportunity to participate. The Executive Office of
36 the Governor shall ensure that those persons who request
37 notification of the time and place of any meeting of the task
38 force, including its initial meeting, shall receive such notice
39 in a timely fashion.

40 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without
41 compensation. Members are entitled to reimbursement for per
42 diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida
43 Statutes.

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

46 (2) (a) The task force shall meet for the purpose of
47 studying the effects of consolidating law enforcement and/or
48 commission functions in state agencies under a unified command.

49 The task force shall submit a preliminary report of its
50 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of
51 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no
52 later than 45 days prior to the first day of the 2004 Regular
53 Session of the Legislature. The final report shall be filed
54 with the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker
55 of the House of Representatives no later than 30 days prior to
56 the first day of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature.

57 (b) The preliminary and final report shall:

58 1. Identify all law enforcement functions and duties of
59 personnel positions that exist in each state agency;



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60 2. Identify all statutory provisions assigning law
61 enforcement duties to state agencies;

62 3. Identify the options considered by the task force for
63 consolidation of state law enforcement functions, duties, and
64 personnel and identify costs for consolidation under each option
65 considered;

66 4. Determine whether consolidation of any law enforcement
67 functions or law enforcement personnel, or both, would prove
68 more effective and efficient. Such determination shall include
69 a cost analysis and comparison, with supporting analysis; and

70 5. If the determination is made that consolidation is more
71 effective and efficient, recommend proposed legislation based
72 upon the recommended best option for consolidating any law
73 enforcement functions or law enforcement personnel, or both.
74 Such proposed legislation shall include, but not be limited to,
75 provision for any necessary restructuring of agencies as a
76 result of the recommended reorganization.

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

79 (b) Each agency that has been assigned law enforcement
80 functions or which employs sworn law enforcement personnel shall
81 provide a report to the task force that identifies each section
82 of law upon which that agency relies for authority to perform
83 law enforcement functions and to employ sworn law enforcement
84 officers. This report shall be submitted to the task force no
85 later than August 1, 2003.

86 (4) All management/administration positions vacant on the
87 effective date of this act, are hereby frozen until the
88 recommendations of the commission are acted upon.

89 (5) The task force shall sunset on July 1, 2004.



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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.