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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the Governor's Council on Physical  
Fitness and Health; providing for powers and duties,  
membership and terms thereof; providing for reimbursement  
for per diem and travel expenses for members of the  
council; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created the Governor's Council  
on Physical Fitness and Health within the Office of the  
Governor. (1) POWERS AND DUTIES.--The council shall have the  
following powers and duties:

(a) To promote interest in the area of physical fitness;  
to consider the need for new programs in the field of physical  
fitness; to enlist the active support of individual citizens,  
professional and civic groups, amateur and professional  
athletes, voluntary organizations, state and local government  
agencies, private industry and business, and community  
recreation programs in efforts to improve the physical fitness  
and the health of the citizens of this state.

(b) To examine current physical fitness programs available  
to the people of this state and to make recommendations to the  
Governor for coordination of programs to prevent duplication of  
such services; to support physical fitness programs in the  
public school system; to develop cooperative programs with  
medical, dental, and other groups; to maintain a liaison with  
government, private, and other agencies concerning physical  
fitness programs; to stimulate research in the area of physical  
fitness; to sponsor physical fitness workshops, clinics,



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31 conferences, and other related activities pertaining to physical  
32 fitness throughout the state.

33 (c) To recognize outstanding developments, contributions,  
34 and achievements in physical fitness in this state and to serve  
35 as the sanctioning body for competitive athletic events for  
36 which sanctioning by the state is required.

37 (d) To make an annual report to the Governor that shall  
38 include suggestions and recommendations for the furtherance of  
39 the physical fitness of the people of this state.

40 (2) MEMBERSHIP; TERMS; QUORUM; PER DIEM;.--

41 (a) The council shall consist of 10 members, including a  
42 chair. The composition of the council shall be as follows:

43 1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President of  
44 the Senate, one member of the House of Representatives appointed  
45 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and eight  
46 persons from the health care professions, the fields of business  
47 and industry, physical education, recreation, sports, and the  
48 general public. The eight nonlegislative members of the council  
49 shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of  
50 the Governor.

51 2. The eight initial nonlegislative members of the council  
52 shall be appointed as follows: two for a term of 1 year, two for  
53 a term of 2 years, two for a term of 3 years, and two for a term  
54 of 4 years. At the end of the respective terms of office of  
55 these initial members, all succeeding appointments of  
56 nonlegislative members shall be for terms of 4 years.  
57 Nonlegislative members shall serve no more than two consecutive  
58 4-year terms. All unexpired terms due to resignation, death,  
59 disability, removal, or refusal to serve shall be filled by a



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60 person appointed by the Governor for the balance of the  
61 unexpired term.

62 3. Legislative members of the council shall serve 2-year  
63 terms beginning and ending on July 1 of odd-numbered years, and  
64 shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.

65 (b) The council shall meet no more than quarterly and a  
66 majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the  
67 transaction of business.

68 (c) Members of the council shall receive no compensation  
69 but shall receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses  
70 as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, while in the  
71 performance of their duties.

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