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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to physical fitness and health; amending s. 288.1229, F.S.; creating the Governor's Advisory Council for a Fit Florida; providing for powers and duties, membership, and terms thereof; providing for reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses for members of the council; providing for a Fit Florida Alliance; requiring an annual report; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 288.1229, Florida Statutes, to read:

288.1229 Promotion and development of sports-related industries and amateur athletics; direct-support organization; powers and duties.--

- (10)(a) There is created the Governor's Advisory Council for a Fit Florida within the direct-support organization for the purpose of serving as an advisory body to the direct-support organization to provide insight and expertise relating to physical fitness and nutrition in the state. In order to accomplish this purpose, the council shall:
- 1. Advise the direct-support organization on ways to promote interest in the area of physical fitness and nutrition and provide assistance in such promotion.
- 2. Examine current physical fitness and nutrition programs available to the people of the state and recommend to the



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direct-support organization any coordination of programs needed to prevent duplication of services.

- 3. Recommend ways in which the direct-support organization could promote and support physical fitness programs in the public school system, including consideration of appropriate levels of physical activity and standards of proper nutrition.
- 4. Advise the direct-support organization on the need for new programs in the field of physical fitness and nutrition.
- 5. Assist the direct-support organization in enlisting the active support of a Fit Florida Alliance comprised 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 health of the citizens of this state.
- 6. Make recommendations to the direct-support organization on appointments to a Fit Florida Alliance.
- 7. Make recommendations to the direct-support organization with regard to recognition programs for schools and communities participating in physical fitness and nutrition efforts; sponsorship of physical fitness workshops, clinics, conferences, and other related activities; liaison efforts with government, private, and other agencies concerning physical fitness and nutrition programs; the need for dissemination of information regarding physical fitness and nutrition programs, including the type of information, the target audience, and the method of dissemination; and the participation of government, individuals, organizations, and business entities in program development,



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support, and funding of initiatives relating to physical fitness and nutrition efforts recommended by the council and initiated by the direct-support organization.

- 8. Make recommendations to the direct-support organization for the use of funds received specifically for the purpose of promoting physical fitness and nutrition.
- 9. Provide an annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, and the direct-support organization that shall include recommendations for the furtherance of the physical fitness of the people of this state.
- (b)1. The council shall consist of ten members to be appointed as follows: eight shall be appointed by the Governor, one shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and one shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with the initial appointments being made no later than September 1, 2003.
- 2. When making appointments to the council, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint persons from health care professions, health insurance companies, the fields of business, industry, physical education, recreation, and sports, and the general public.
- 3. Members of the council appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, beginning and ending on July 1 of odd-numbered years. Members of the council appointed by the



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President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
Representatives shall serve no more than two consecutive terms
and shall serve at the pleasure of the official who appointed
the member of the council.

- 4. The eight initial members of the council appointed by the Governor shall be appointed as follows: two for a term of 1 year, two for a term of 2 years, two for a term of 3 years, and two for a term of 4 years. At the end of the respective terms of office of the initial members, all succeeding appointments shall be for terms of 4 years. Members of the council appointed by the Governor shall serve no more than two consecutive 4-year terms and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- 5. All unexpired terms due to vacancy shall be filled by the official who appointed the council member.
- 6. The council shall annually elect from the membership one member to serve as chair of the council and one member to serve as vice chair.
- 7. The council shall meet no more than quarterly and a majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 8. Members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061 while in the performance of their duties.
 - (c) This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2008.

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