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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to law enforcement; creating the Sunshine Security Act; creating the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task Force; providing for the appointment of members; providing for duties; providing for a report addressing the effects of the consolidation of all sworn law enforcement functions in the state; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. This act shall be known by the popular name the "Sunshine Security Act."
- Section 2. <u>Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task</u>
 Force.--
- (1)(a) There is created within the Executive Office of the Governor the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task Force.

 Members of the task force shall be appointed no later than July 10, 2004. The task force shall be composed of:
- 1. Two representatives from private industry who have expertise in corporate mergers, appointed by the Governor.
 - 2. The Attorney General or his or her designee.
- $\underline{\mbox{3.}}$ A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.
- 4. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (b) The first meeting of the task force shall be held no later than July 15, 2004, at which time the members shall select by majority vote a chair from among its members. All other recommendations of the task force shall be by majority vote of

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

- (c) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation. Members are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- (d) The Executive Office of the Governor shall provide staff support for the task force within existing appropriations.
- (2)(a) The task force shall meet for the purpose of studying the effects of consolidating law enforcement functions in state agencies and commissions under a unified command. The task force shall submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than 45 days prior to the first day of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature. The final report shall be filed with the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than 30 days prior to the first day of the 2005 Regular Session of the Legislature.
 - (b) The preliminary and final report shall:
- 1. Identify all law enforcement functions and duties of personnel positions that exist in each state agency or

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commission.

2. Identify all statutory provisions assigning law enforcement duties to state agencies or commissions.

- 3. Identify the options considered by the task force for consolidation of state law enforcement functions, duties, and personnel and identify costs for consolidation under each option considered.
- 4. Determine whether consolidation of any law enforcement functions or law enforcement personnel, or both, would prove more effective and efficient. Such determination shall include a cost analysis and comparison, with supporting analysis.
- 5. If the determination is made that consolidation is more effective and efficient, recommend proposed legislation based upon the recommended best option for consolidating any law enforcement functions or law enforcement personnel, or both.

 Such proposed legislation shall include, but not be limited to, provision for any necessary restructuring of state agencies or commissions as a result of the recommended reorganization.
- (3)(a) Each state agency or commission shall fully cooperate with the task force in the performance of its duties under this section.
- (b) Each state agency or commission that has been assigned law enforcement functions or employs sworn law enforcement personnel shall provide a report to the task force that identifies each section of law upon which that agency or commission relies for authority to perform law enforcement functions and employ sworn law enforcement officers. This report shall be submitted to the task force no later than August 1, 2004.
 - (4) The task force shall sunset on July 1, 2005.

HB 0085 2004 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. 91 92

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