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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to physical fitness and health;
 3 establishing the Governor's Council for a Fit Florida;
 4 providing powers and duties of the council; providing for
 5 membership and terms; providing for council meetings;
 6 requiring members to serve without compensation; providing
 7 for reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;
 8 requiring each county health department to establish a
 9 county Council for a Fit Florida; providing powers and
 10 duties of such councils; providing for membership and
 11 terms; providing for council meetings; requiring members
 12 to serve without compensation; providing for reimbursement
 13 for per diem and travel expenses; providing an effective
 14 date.

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

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 18 Section 1. (1) The Governor's Council for a Fit Florida
 19 is established within the Department of Health. The council
 20 shall have the following powers and duties to:

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

29 (b) Examine current physical fitness programs available to

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30 the people of this state and to make recommendations to the
31 Governor for coordination of programs to prevent duplication of
32 such services; to support physical fitness programs in the
33 public school system; to develop cooperative programs with
34 medical, dental, and other groups; to maintain a liaison with
35 government, private, and other agencies, particularly the
36 Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture and
37 Consumer Services, and the Florida Sports Foundation concerning
38 physical fitness programs; to stimulate research in the area of
39 physical fitness; and to sponsor physical fitness workshops,
40 clinics, conferences, and other related activities pertaining to
41 physical fitness throughout the state.

42 (c) Recognize outstanding developments, contributions, and
43 achievements in physical fitness in this state by individuals,
44 schools, and communities.

45 (d) Enlist the active support of an alliance comprised of
46 individual citizens, professional and civic groups, amateur and
47 professional athletes, voluntary organizations, state and local
48 government agencies, private industry and business, and
49 community recreation programs in efforts to improve the physical
50 fitness and health of the citizens of the state.

51 (e) Sponsor physical fitness workshops, clinics,
52 conferences, and other related activities; to partner with
53 government, private, and other agencies concerning physical
54 fitness and nutrition programs; to disseminate information
55 regarding physical fitness and nutrition programs; and to
56 encourage the participation of government, individuals,
57 organizations, and business entities in program development,
58 support, and funding of initiatives relating to physical fitness

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59 and nutrition efforts recommended by the council.

60 (f) Make an annual report to the Governor that shall
61 include suggestions and recommendations for the furtherance of
62 the physical fitness of the people of the state.

63 (2)(a) The council shall consist of 10 members, including
64 a chair. The council shall be composed of eight members
65 appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the President
66 of the Senate, and one member appointed by the Speaker of the
67 House of Representatives, with the initial appointments being
68 made no later than September 1, 2004.

69 (b) When making appointments to the council the Governor,
70 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
71 Representatives shall appoint persons from health care
72 professions, fields of business and industry, physical
73 education, recreation, sports, and the general public.

74 (c) Members of the council appointed by the President of
75 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
76 be appointed for terms of 2 years each, beginning and ending on
77 July 1 of even-numbered years. Members of the council appointed
78 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
79 Representatives shall serve no more than two consecutive terms
80 and shall serve at the pleasure of the official who appointed
81 the member of the council.

82 (d) The eight initial members of the council appointed by
83 the Governor shall be appointed as follows: two members for a
84 term of 1 year each, two members for terms of 2 years each, two
85 members for terms of 3 years each, and two members for terms of
86 4 years each. At the end of the respective terms of office of
87 the initial members, all succeeding appointments shall be for

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88 terms of 4 years. Members of the council appointed by the
89 Governor shall serve no more than two consecutive 4-year terms
90 and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

91 (e) All unexpired terms due to vacancy shall be filled by
92 the official who appointed the council member.

93 (f) The council shall annually elect from the membership
94 one member to serve as chair of the council and one member to
95 serve as vice chair.

96 (g) The council shall meet no more than quarterly and a
97 majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum
98 for the transaction of business.

99 (h) Members of the council shall serve without
100 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for per diem
101 and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes,
102 while in the performance of their duties.

103 Section 2. (1) Each county health department shall
104 establish a county Council for a Fit Florida. The council shall
105 have the following powers and duties to:

106 (a) Make recommendations to the local district school
107 board on school district policies regarding nutritional
108 offerings at schools, on school nutrition assessments, and on
109 improvements to nutritional standards.

110 (b) Make recommendations to the local district school
111 board on school district policies regarding physical activity
112 and fitness offerings at schools, on physical fitness
113 assessments, and on improvements to physical fitness curriculum
114 in the schools.

115 (c) Make recommendations on improving the general wellness
116 of the community in coordination with other local governments,

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117 businesses, and not-for-profit organizations.

118 (2)(a) The council shall consist of 10 members, including
119 a chair and vice chair. The council shall be composed of four
120 members appointed by the local director of the county health
121 department, four members appointed by the superintendent of
122 schools, and two members appointed by the chair of the board of
123 county commissioners, with the initial appointments being made
124 no later than September 1, 2004.

125 (b) When making appointments to the council, the
126 department director, the superintendent and the chair shall
127 appoint persons from health care professions, fields of business
128 and industry, physical education, recreation, sports, and the
129 general public.

130 (c) Members of the council appointed by the superintendent
131 of schools and the chair of the board of county commissioners
132 shall be appointed for term of 2 years each, beginning and
133 ending on July 1 of even-numbered years. Members of the council
134 appointed by the superintendent of schools and the chair of the
135 board of county commissioners shall serve no more than two
136 consecutive terms and shall serve at the pleasure of the
137 official who appointed the member of the council.

138 (d) The four initial members of the council appointed by
139 the county health department shall be appointed as follows: one
140 member for a term of 1 year, one member for a term of 2 years,
141 one member for a term of 3 years, and one member for a term of 4
142 years. At the end of the respective terms of office of the
143 initial members, all succeeding appointments shall be for terms
144 of 4 years. Members of the council appointed by the director of
145 the county health department shall serve no more than two

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146 consecutive 4-year terms and shall serve at the pleasure of the
147 director of the county health department.

148 (e) All unexpired terms due to vacancy shall be filled by
149 the official who appointed the council member.

150 (f) The council shall annually elect from the membership
151 one member to serve as chair of the council and one member to
152 serve as vice chair.

153 (g) The council shall meet no more than quarterly and a
154 majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum
155 for the transaction of business.

156 (h) Members of the council shall serve without
157 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for per diem
158 and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes,
159 while in the performance of their duties.

160 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.