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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the social status of African American men and boys; creating the Commission on the Social Status of African American Men and Boys; providing for the appointment and qualification of members; providing for the appointment of members to fill vacant positions; requiring the commission to make a systematic study of conditions affecting African American men and boys; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide administrative support; requiring the commission to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature; providing for reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; requiring the Attorney General to organize the initial meeting of the commission; providing for the expiration of the commission; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Commission on the Social Status of African American Men and Boys.--

(1) The Commission on the Social Status of African American Men and Boys is established in the Office of the Attorney General and shall consist of 21 members appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this act as follows:

(a) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate with the advice of the minority leader of the Senate.

29 (b) Two members of the House of Representatives who are
 30 not members of the same political party, appointed by the
 31 Speaker of the House of Representatives with the advice of the
 32 minority leader of the House of Representatives.

33 (c) The Secretary of Children and Family Services or his
 34 or her designee.

35 (d) The director of the Mental Health Program Office
 36 within the Department of Children and Family Services or his or
 37 her designee.

38 (e) The Secretary of Health or his or her designee.

39 (f) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

40 (g) The Secretary of Corrections or his or her designee.

41 (h) The Attorney General or his or her designee.

42 (i) The Secretary of Management Services or his or her
 43 designee.

44 (j) The director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation or
 45 his or her designee.

46 (k) A business person of African-American origin appointed
 47 by the Governor.

48 (l) Two persons appointed by the President of the Senate
 49 who are not members of the Legislature or employed by state
 50 government.

51 (m) Two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 52 Representatives who are not members of the Legislature or
 53 employed by state government.

54 (n) The deputy secretary for Medicaid in the Agency for
 55 Health Care Administration or his or her designee.

56 (o) The director of the Office of Economic and Demographic

57 Research or his or her designee.

58 (p) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice or his or her
59 designee.

60 (q) The director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis
61 and Government Accountability or his or her designee.

62 (2) A member of the commission may be removed at any time
63 by the member's appointing authority who shall fill the vacancy
64 on the commission.

65 (3)(a) At the first meeting of the commission each year,
66 the members shall elect a chair and a vice chair.

67 (b) A vacancy in the office of chair or vice chair shall
68 be filled by vote of the remaining members.

69 (4)(a) The commission shall make a systematic study of the
70 conditions affecting African American men and boys, including,
71 but not limited to, the homicide rates, arrest and incarceration
72 rates, poverty, violence, drug abuse, death rates, disparate
73 annual income levels, school performance in all grade levels
74 including postsecondary levels, and health issues.

75 (b) The commission shall propose measures to alleviate and
76 correct the underlying causes of the conditions described in
77 paragraph (a). These measures may consist of changes to the law
78 or systematic changes that can be implemented without
79 legislative action.

80 (c) The commission may study other topics suggested by the
81 Legislature or as directed by the chair of the commission.

82 (d) The commission shall receive suggestions or comments
83 pertinent to the applicable issues from members of the
84 Legislature, governmental agencies, public and private

85 organizations, and private citizens.

86 (5) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff
 87 and administrative support to the commission.

88 (6) The commission shall meet quarterly and at other times
 89 at the call of the chair or as determined by a majority of
 90 commission members.

91 (7) Ten of the members of the commission shall constitute
 92 a quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
 93 present is required for final action.

94 (8) The commission shall issue its first annual report by
 95 December 15, 2006, and by December 15 each following year,
 96 stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the
 97 commission. The commission shall submit the report to the
 98 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
 99 of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the standing
 100 committees of jurisdiction in each chamber.

101 (9) Members of the commission shall serve without
 102 compensation, but members who are not government employees are
 103 entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as
 104 provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

105 (10) Notwithstanding subsection (6), the Attorney General
 106 shall:

107 (a) Within 60 days after the effective date of this act,
 108 fix a date for the initial meeting of the commission.

109 (b) Notify each member of the commission of the time,
 110 date, and place where the initial meeting will be held.

111 (c) Make any other arrangements concerning the initial
 112 meeting of the commission.

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113 (d) Serve as the presiding officer at the initial meeting
114 of the commission until a chair is elected.

115 (11) This section expires July 1, 2011, unless reenacted
116 by the Legislature.

117 Section 2. The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the
118 General Revenue Fund to the Commission on the Social Status of
119 African American Men and Boys for the purpose of administering
120 section 1 of this act.

121 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.