

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Justice Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the social status of African American
7 men and boys; creating the Commission on the Social Status
8 of African American Men and Boys; providing for the
9 appointment and qualification of members; providing for
10 the appointment of members to fill vacant positions;
11 requiring the commission to make a systematic study of
12 conditions affecting African American men and boys;
13 requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide
14 administrative support; requiring the commission to submit
15 an annual report to the Governor and Legislature;
16 providing for reimbursement for per diem and travel
17 expenses; requiring the Attorney General to organize the
18 initial meeting of the commission; providing for the
19 expiration of the commission; providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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23 Section 1. Commission on the Social Status of African
 24 American Men and Boys.--

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

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

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

36 (c) The Secretary of Children and Family Services or his
 37 or her designee.

38 (d) The director of the Mental Health Program Office
 39 within the Department of Children and Family Services or his or
 40 her designee.

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

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

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

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

45 (i) The Secretary of Management Services or his or her
 46 designee.

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

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

51 (l) Two persons appointed by the President of the Senate
 52 who are not members of the Legislature or employed by state
 53 government.

54 (m) Two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 55 Representatives who are not members of the Legislature or
 56 employed by state government.

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

59 (o) The director of the Office of Economic and Demographic
 60 Research or his or her designee.

61 (p) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice or his or her
 62 designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

85 (d) The commission shall receive suggestions or comments
86 pertinent to the applicable issues from members of the
87 Legislature, governmental agencies, public and private
88 organizations, and private citizens.

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

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

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

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

104 (9) Members of the commission shall serve without
105 compensation, but members who are not government employees are

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106 | entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as
 107 | provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

108 | (10) Notwithstanding subsection (6), the Attorney General
 109 | shall:

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

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

114 | (c) Make any other arrangements concerning the initial
 115 | meeting of the commission.

116 | (d) Serve as the presiding officer at the initial meeting
 117 | of the commission until a chair is elected.

118 | (11) This section expires July 1, 2011, unless reenacted
 119 | by the Legislature.

120 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.