

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health & Families Council 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 Council on the Social Status of  
8 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 council 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 council to submit an  
15 annual report to the Governor and Legislature; providing  
16 for reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;  
17 requiring the Attorney General to organize the initial  
18 meeting of the council; providing for the expiration of  
19 the council; 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. Council on the Social Status of African-  
24 American Men and Boys.--

25           (1) The Council on the Social Status of African-American  
26 Men and Boys is established and shall consist of 19 members  
27 appointed as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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50        (1) Two persons appointed by the President of the Senate  
51 who are not members of the Legislature or employed by state  
52 government. One of the appointees must be a clinical  
53 physiologist.

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. One of the appointees must be an  
57 Africana studies professional.

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

60        (o) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice or his or her  
61 designee.

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

65        (3)(a) At the first meeting of the council each year, the  
66 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 council 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 council 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 council may study other topics suggested by the  
81 | Legislature or as directed by the chair of the council.

82 | (d) The council 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 council.

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

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

94 | (8) The council 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 | council. The council shall submit the report to the Governor,  
98 | the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
99 | Representatives, and the chairpersons of the standing committees  
100 | of jurisdiction in each chamber.

101 | (9) Members of the council 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.

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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 council.

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

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

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

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

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