## Florida Senate - 2005

 ${\bf By}$  the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Senators Wilson, Siplin, Hill, Miller, Bullard, Lawson and Dawson

	585-2367-05
1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the social status of black
3	men and boys; creating the Council on the
4	Social Status of Black Men and Boys; providing
5	for the appointment and qualification of
б	members; providing for the appointment of
7	members to fill vacant positions; providing for
8	terms of office; requiring the council to make
9	a systematic study of conditions affecting
10	black men and boys; requiring the Office of the
11	Attorney General to provide administrative
12	support; requiring the council to submit an
13	annual report to the Governor and Legislature;
14	providing for reimbursement for per diem and
15	travel expenses; requiring the Attorney General
16	to organize the initial meeting of the council;
17	providing for the expiration of the council;
18	providing an appropriation; providing an
19	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. Legislative findingsThe Legislature
24	finds that there is a chronological record of the status of
25	<u>black men and boys in American society, and in this state's</u>
26	society, which reveals startling and disturbing conditions and
27	trends. This record includes a disproportionate share of black
28	men and boys in this state's correctional facilities, a higher
29	rate of black men and boys being victimized by black-on-black
30	crime, a higher drop-out rate from high school, a lower than
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1	(k) A business person of African-American origin
2	appointed by the Governor.
3	(1) Two persons appointed by the President of the
4	Senate who are not members of the Legislature or employed by
5	state government. One of the appointments must be a clinical
б	physiologist.
7	(m) Two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House
8	of Representatives who are not members of the Legislature or
9	employed by state government. One of the appointments must be
10	<u>an Africana studies professional.</u>
11	(n) The deputy secretary for Medicaid in the Agency
12	for Health Care Administration or his or her designee.
13	(o) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice or his or her
14	designee.
15	(2) Each member of the council shall be appointed to a
16	4-year term; however, for the purpose of providing staggered
17	terms, of the initial appointments ten members shall be
18	appointed to a 2-year term and eleven members shall be
19	appointed to a 4-year term. A member of the council may be
20	removed at any time by the member's appointing authority who
21	shall fill the vacancy on the council for the remainder of the
22	unexpired term. The terms of the legislative members expire at
23	the time they cease to hold legislative office, and the
24	vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original
25	appointments.
26	(3)(a) At the first meeting of the council each year,
27	the members shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson.
28	(b) A vacancy in the office of chairperson or vice
29	chairperson shall be filled by vote of the remaining members.
30	(4)(a) The council shall make a systematic study of
31	the conditions affecting black men and boys, including, but
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1	not limited to, the homicide rates, arrest and incarceration
2	rates, poverty, violence, drug abuse, death rates, disparate
3	annual income levels, and health issues.
4	(b) The council shall propose measures to alleviate
5	and correct the underlying causes of the conditions described
6	in paragraph (a). These measures may consist of changes to law
7	or systemic changes that can be implemented without
8	legislative actions.
9	(c) The council may study other topics suggested by
10	the Legislature or as directed by the chairperson of the
11	council.
12	(d) The council shall receive suggestions or comments
13	pertinent to the applicable issues from members of the
14	Legislature, governmental agencies, public and private
15	organizations, and private citizens.
16	(5) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide
17	staff and administrative support to the council.
18	(6) The council shall meet quarterly and additional
19	meetings may be held at the call of the chairperson and at
20	other times as determined by a majority of council members.
21	(7) Eleven of the members of the council constitute a
22	quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
23	present is required for final action.
24	(8)(a) The council shall issue its initial annual
25	report by December 15, 2006, and by December 15th of each
26	following year, stating the findings, conclusions, and
27	recommendations of the council. This report shall be submitted
28	to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of
29	the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the
30	standing committees of jurisdiction in each chamber.
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1	(b) The initial report must include the findings of an
2	investigation into factors causing black-on-black crime from
3	the perspective of public health related to mental health,
4	other health issues, cultural disconnection, and cultural
5	identity trauma.
б	(9) Members of the council shall serve without
7	compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
8	and travel expenses as provided in section 112.061, Florida
9	Statutes.
10	(10) Notwithstanding subsection (6), the Attorney
11	General shall:
12	(a) Fix a date for the initial meeting of the council;
13	(b) Notify each member of the council of the time,
14	date, and place where the initial meeting will be held;
15	(c) Make any other arrangements concerning the initial
16	meeting of the council; and
17	(d) Serve as the presiding officer at the initial
18	meeting of the council until a chairperson is elected.
19	(11) This section expires July 1, 2011, unless
20	reenacted by the Legislature.
21	Section 3. <u>A sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the</u>
22	General Revenue Fund for the Council on the Social Status of
23	Black Men and Boys.
24	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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26	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
27	Senate Bill 1726
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29	The CS incorporates the separate traveling amendments from the prior committee that delete two council members from
30	legislative branch agencies and grammatically clarify a reporting requirement.
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