Florida Senate - 2005

CS for SB 2256

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{By}}$ the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Senator Wise

585-2366-05

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Florida Faith-based and
3	Community-based Advisory Board; creating s.
4	14.31, F.S.; providing legislative findings and
5	intent; creating the Florida Faith-based and
б	Community-based Advisory Board within the
7	Executive Office of the Governor for certain
8	purposes; providing for board membership;
9	providing for terms of members; providing for
10	successor appointments; providing for meetings
11	and organization of the board; specifying
12	serving without compensation; providing for per
13	diem and travel expenses; specifying required
14	activities of the board; specifying restricted
15	activities; requiring a report to the Governor
16	and Legislature; providing for future repeal
17	and abolition of the board; providing an
18	effective date.
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20	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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22	Section 1. Section 14.31, Florida Statutes, is created
23	to read:
24	14.31 Florida Faith-based and Community-based Advisory
25	Board
26	(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGSThe Legislature finds that:
27	(a) Compassionate groups of individuals have
28	selflessly aided this state in serving our most vulnerable
29	citizens and our most debilitated neighborhoods.
30	(b) Inspired by faith and civic commitment, these
31	organizations have accomplished much in changing the lives of
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1 thousands and resurrecting neighborhoods torn by the strife of 2 crime and poverty. (c) It is essential that this state partner with these 3 4 organizations in order to create a level playing field, 5 regardless of each organization's orientation, whether faith 6 based or secular. 7 (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT. -- It therefore the intent of 8 the Legislature to recognize the contributions of these organizations and to encourage opportunities for faith-based 9 10 and community-based organizations to partner with government entities to deliver services more effectively. The Legislature 11 12 further intends that the purpose of the board is to advise the 13 Governor and the Legislature on policies, priorities, and objectives for the state's comprehensive effort to enlist, 14 equip, enable, empower, and expand the work of faith-based, 15 volunteer, and other community organizations to the full 16 17 extent permitted by law. (3) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD.--18 19 (a) The Florida Faith-based and Community-based Advisory Board is established and assigned to the Executive 20 21 Office of the Governor. The board shall be administratively 2.2 housed within the Executive Office of the Governor. 23 (b) The board shall consist of 25 members. Board members may include, but shall not be limited to, 2.4 representatives from various faiths, faith-based 25 organizations, community-based organizations, foundations, 26 27 corporations, and municipalities. 2.8 (c) The board shall be composed of the following 29 <u>members:</u> 30 1. Seventeen members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. 31

1	2. Four members appointed by and serving at the
2	pleasure of the President of the Senate.
3	3. Four members appointed by and serving at the
4	pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
5	(d) Board members shall serve 4-year terms, except
6	that the initial terms shall be staggered:
7	1. The Governor shall appoint six members for a term
8	of 3 years, six members for a term of 2 years, and five
9	members for a term of 1 year.
10	2. The President of the Senate shall appoint two
11	members for a term of 3 years and two members for a term of 2
12	years.
13	3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
14	appoint two members for a term of 3 years and two members for
15	<u>a term of 2 years.</u>
16	(e) A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the
17	original appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the
18	term.
19	(4) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION
20	(a) The first meeting of the board shall be held no
21	later than August 1, 2005. Thereafter, the board shall meet at
22	<u>least once per quarter per calendar year. Meetings may be held</u>
23	via teleconference or other electronic means. The board shall
24	work in partnership with the Volunteer Florida Foundation,
25	Inc., in noticing and coordinating all meetings of the board.
26	(b) The board shall annually elect from its membership
27	one member to serve as chair of the board and one member to
28	<u>serve as vice chair.</u>
29	(c) Thirteen members of the board shall constitute a
30	quorum.
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2compensation but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel3expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.4(5) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIESThe board shall determine:5(a) How faith-based and community-based organizations6can best compete with other organizations for the delivery of7state services, regardless of an organization's orientation.8whether faith based or secular.9(b) How best to develop and coordinate activities of10faith-based and other community programs and initiatives.11enhance such efforts in communities, and seek such resources.12legislation, and regulatory relief as may be necessary to13accomplish these objectives.14(c) How best to ensure that state policy decisions15take into account the capacity of faith-based and other16community initiatives to assist in the achievement of state17priorities.18(d) How best to identify and promote best practices19across state government relating to the delivery of services10faith-based and other community organizations.11(e) How best to coordinate public awareness of12faith-based and community nonprofit initiatives, such as13demonstration pilot programs or projects, public-private14partnerships, volunteerism, and special projects.15filh-based and community initiatives.
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27 (q) How best to bring concerns, ideas, and policy
28 options to the Governor and Legislature for assisting,
29 strengthening, and replicating successful faith-based and
30 <u>other community programs.</u>
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1	(h) How best to develop and implement strategic
2	initiatives to strengthen the institutions of families and
3	communities in this state.
4	(i) How best to showcase and herald innovative
5	grassroots nonprofit organizations and civic initiatives.
6	(j) How best to eliminate unnecessary legislative,
7	regulatory, and other bureaucratic barriers that impede
8	effective faith-based and other community efforts to address
9	social problems.
10	(k) How best to monitor implementation of state policy
11	affecting faith-based and other community organizations.
12	(1) How best to ensure that the efforts of faith-based
13	and other community organizations meet objective criteria for
14	performance and accountability.
15	(6) RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES The board shall not make
16	any recommendation that is in conflict with the Establishment
17	<u>Clause of the First Amendment to the United States</u>
18	Constitution or the public funding provision of s. 3, Art. I,
19	of the State Constitution.
20	(7) REPORTBy February 1, of each year, the board
21	shall prepare a written report for the Governor, the President
22	of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
23	containing an accounting of its activities and recommended
24	policies, priorities, and objectives for the state's
25	comprehensive effort to enlist, equip, enable, empower, and
26	expand the work of faith-based, volunteer, and other community
27	organizations to the full extent permitted by law.
28	(8) This section is repealed and the board is
29	abolished June 30, 2010, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
30	by the Legislature.
31	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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1	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
2	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 2256</u>
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