

1 thousands and resurrecting neighborhoods torn by the strife of
2 crime and poverty.

3 (c) It is essential that this state cooperate with
4 these organizations in order to create a level playing field,
5 regardless of each organization's orientation, whether
6 faith-based or secular.

7 (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--It is therefore the intent of
8 the Legislature to recognize the contributions of these
9 organizations and to encourage opportunities for faith-based
10 and community-based organizations to work cooperatively with
11 government entities in order to deliver services more
12 effectively. The Legislature further intends that the purpose
13 of the board is to advise the Governor and the Legislature on
14 policies, priorities, and objectives for the state's
15 comprehensive effort to enlist, equip, enable, empower, and
16 expand the work of faith-based, volunteer, and other community
17 organizations to the full extent permitted by law.

18 (3) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD.--

19 (a) The Florida Faith-based and Community-based
20 Advisory Board is established and assigned to the Executive
21 Office of the Governor. The board shall be administratively
22 housed within the Executive Office of the Governor.

23 (b) The board shall consist of 25 members. Board
24 members may include, but need not be limited to,
25 representatives from various faiths, faith-based
26 organizations, community-based organizations, foundations,
27 corporations, and municipalities.

28 (c) The board shall be composed of the following
29 members:

30 1. Seventeen members appointed by and serving at the
31 pleasure of the Governor.

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 be appointed to 4-year terms,
6 except that the initial terms shall be staggered:

7 1. The Governor shall appoint six members for terms of
8 3 years, six members for terms of 2 years, and five members
9 for terms of 1 year.

10 2. The President of the Senate shall appoint two
11 members for terms of 3 years and two members for terms of 2
12 years.

13 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
14 appoint two members for terms of 3 years and two members for
15 terms of 2 years.

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, 2006. Thereafter, the board shall meet at
22 least once per quarter per calendar year. Meetings may be held
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 serve as vice chair.

29 (c) Thirteen members of the board shall constitute a
30 quorum.

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1 (d) Members of the board shall serve without
2 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
3 and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

4 (5) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.--The board shall determine:

5 (a) How faith-based and community-based organizations
6 can best compete with other organizations for the delivery of
7 state services, regardless of an organization's orientation,
8 whether faith-based or secular.

9 (b) How best to develop and coordinate activities of
10 faith-based and other community programs and initiatives,
11 enhance such efforts in communities, and seek such resources,
12 legislation, and regulatory relief as may be necessary to
13 accomplish these objectives.

14 (c) How best to ensure that state policy decisions
15 take into account the capacity of faith-based and other
16 community initiatives to assist in the achievement of state
17 priorities.

18 (d) How best to identify and promote best practices
19 across state government relating to the delivery of services
20 by faith-based and other community organizations.

21 (e) How best to coordinate public awareness of
22 faith-based and community nonprofit initiatives, such as
23 demonstration pilot programs or projects, public-private
24 partnerships, volunteerism, and special projects.

25 (f) How best to encourage private charitable giving to
26 support faith-based and community initiatives.

27 (g) 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 other community programs.

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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 (l) 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 may not make any
16 recommendation that is in conflict with the Establishment
17 Clause of the First Amendment to the United States
18 Constitution or the public funding provision of s. 3, Art. I,
19 of the State Constitution.

20 (7) REPORT.--By 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) EXPIRATION.--This section expires and the board is
29 abolished June 30, 2011, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
30 by the Legislature.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the Florida Faith-based and Community-based Advisory Board within the Executive Office of the Governor for certain purposes. Provides for board membership. Provides for terms of members. Provides for successor appointments. Provides for meetings and organization of the board. Specifies serving without compensation. Provides for per diem and travel expenses. Specifies required activities of the board. Specifies restricted activities. Requires a report to the Governor and Legislature. Provides for future repeal and abolition of the board.