

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 council is to advise the Governor and the Legislature
14 on 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 COUNCIL.--

19 (a) The Florida Faith-based and Community-based
20 Advisory Council, an advisory council as defined in s.
21 20.03(7), is established and assigned to the Executive Office
22 of the Governor. The council shall be administratively housed
23 within the Executive Office of the Governor.

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

29 (c) The council shall be composed of the following
30 members:
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1 1. Seventeen members appointed by and serving at the
2 pleasure of the Governor.

3 2. Four members appointed by and serving at the
4 pleasure of the President of the Senate.

5 3. Four members appointed by and serving at the
6 pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

7 (d) Council members shall be appointed to 4-year
8 terms, except that the initial terms shall be staggered:

9 1. The Governor shall appoint six members for terms of
10 3 years, six members for terms of 2 years, and five members
11 for terms of 1 year.

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

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

18 (e) A vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the
19 original appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the
20 term.

21 (4) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION.--

22 (a) The first meeting of the council shall be held no
23 later than August 1, 2006. Thereafter, the council shall meet
24 at least once per quarter per calendar year. Meetings may be
25 held via teleconference or other electronic means.

26 (b) The council shall annually elect from its
27 membership one member to serve as chair of the council and one
28 member to serve as vice chair.

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

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1 (d) Members of the council 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 council shall review and
5 recommend in a report to the Governor and the Legislature:

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (g) How best to bring concerns, ideas, and policy
29 options to the Governor and Legislature for assisting,
30 strengthening, and replicating successful faith-based and
31 other community programs.

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 council may not make
16 any 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 council
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 council
29 is abolished June 30, 2011, unless reviewed and saved from
30 repeal by the Legislature.

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

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1232

Changes the name of the entity from a "board" to a "council"
to reflect the definitions provided in chapter 20, F.S.

Removes reference to a private corporation that is not created
or authorized in statute.