

1 (1)(a) There is created within the Office of
2 Legislative Services the Prison Industries Task Force to
3 review how well PRIDE has fulfilled its statutory missions and
4 purposes and whether the statutory missions of the prison
5 industries program are feasible and relevant today and in the
6 future.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following 14
8 members:

9 1. The Secretary of Corrections, who shall serve as
10 chair, and two wardens of prisons that have prison industries
11 programs;

12 2. A representative from the Agency for Workforce
13 Innovation;

14 3. A representative from the Office of Workforce
15 Education within the Department of Education;

16 4. A representative from Florida TaxWatch;

17 5. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President
18 of the Senate;

19 6. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed
20 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 7. A representative from the board of directors of the
22 private nonprofit prison industries corporation, as defined in
23 s. 946.503, Florida Statutes;

24 8. A representative from a local governmental entity
25 that purchases products that are produced by prison
26 industries;

27 9. A representative from a private industry that
28 regularly employs former inmates;

29 10. A representative from a private industry that
30 regularly trains inmates;

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1 11. A representative from the academic community who
2 has expertise in research concerning the reentry of former
3 prisoners into society and the employment of former felons;
4 and

5 12. A former inmate who has worked in the prison
6 industries program.

7 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the members of
9 the task force specified in subparagraphs (b)7.-11. by July 1,
10 2006.

11 (d) The task force shall hold its first meeting by
12 July 15, 2006, at which time the members shall select by
13 majority vote a chairperson from among themselves.

14 (e) All recommendations of the task force shall be by
15 majority vote.

16 (f) The task force shall meet at the call of the
17 chairperson and shall conduct at least three public meetings.

18 (g) Meetings of the task force shall be open to the
19 public and are subject to the requirements of s. 286.011,
20 Florida Statutes. Records of the task force are public records
21 and subject to chapter 119, Florida Statutes, except to the
22 extent that public access to any of those records is
23 restricted by law.

24 (h) Members of the task force shall serve without
25 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
26 and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida
27 Statutes.

28 (i) The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental
29 Relations shall provide staff support for the task force.

30 (2)(a) The task force shall receive testimony from the
31 Auditor General, the Governor's Inspector General, the Office

1 of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability,
2 PRIDE, and other appropriate officials to address the
3 following:

4 1. Are the statutory missions of the prison industries
5 program as defined in s. 946.501(2), Florida Statutes, still
6 valid?

7 2. Should other valid missions be included within the
8 program?

9 3. How do the current or recommended missions conflict
10 with any other valid missions?

11 4. Should the missions be ranked in order of priority
12 and, if so, to what extent can accomplishment of a
13 higher-priority mission be reduced in order to accomplish a
14 lower-priority mission?

15 5. Is the method of addressing the legislative finding
16 in s. 946.501(3), Florida Statutes, which is that it is in the
17 best interest of the state, inmates, and the general public to
18 duplicate as closely as possible free-enterprise production
19 and service operations, also the most effective manner in
20 which to accomplish the missions of the prison industries
21 program?

22 6. Should the structure for managing the correctional
23 work program be changed in order to facilitate accomplishing
24 the missions of the program?

25 7. Is operating the prison industries program
26 independently of state government the most effective manner in
27 which to accomplish its valid mission?

28 8. To what extent can PRIDE fulfill the legislative
29 intent stated in s. 946.502(6), Florida Statutes, which is
30 that prison industries programs use inmates in all levels of
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1 custody, with specific emphasis on reducing idleness among
2 inmates in close custody?

3 9. To what extent, if any, have privatization of
4 governmental functions and changing markets reduced sales by
5 PRIDE or impeded its ability to expand prison industry
6 training?

7 10. What creative strategies could enhance the prison
8 industries program's ability to meet its valid missions?

9 (b) The task force shall submit a report of its
10 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of
11 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
12 February 15, 2007.

13 (3) All meetings of the task force and all business of
14 the task force for which reimbursement may be requested must
15 be concluded before the report is filed. The task force is
16 abolished July 1, 2007.

17 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 946.505, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 946.505 Reversion upon dissolution of corporation or
20 termination of lease.--

21 (1) In the event the corporation is dissolved or its
22 lease of any correctional work program expires or is otherwise
23 terminated, all property relating to such correctional work
24 program which ceases to function because of such termination
25 or dissolution, including all buildings, land, furnishings,
26 equipment, and other chattels and assets, whether originally
27 leased from the department ~~or, as well as any~~ subsequently
28 constructed or otherwise acquired ~~facilities in connection~~
29 ~~with its continued operation of that program~~, automatically
30 reverts to full ownership by the department unless the
31 corporation intends to use ~~utilize~~ such property in another

1 | correctional work program. Such a reversionary ownership
2 | interest of the state in any and all such after-acquired
3 | facilities, property, and assets by the corporation is in
4 | furtherance of the goals established in s. 946.502(4), and
5 | such a present ownership interest by the state is a continuing
6 | and insurable state interest.

7 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
8 | law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates the Prison Industries Task Force within the Office of Legislative Services, which shall exist for 1 year and review the prison industries program. Provides for membership of the task force and meetings. Requires that the Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations provide staff support for the task force. (See bill for details.)