Florida Senate - 2006

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

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to prison industries; creating
3	the Prison Industries Task Force within the
4	Office of Legislative Services; requiring the
5	task force to determine how well the prison
б	industries program has fulfilled its statutory
7	mission and purpose; providing for the
8	appointment of members to the task force;
9	requiring the task force to hold a minimum
10	number of public meetings; providing that the
11	meetings and records of the task force are
12	subject to public-meetings requirements and the
13	public-records law; providing for members of
14	the task force to be reimbursed for per diem
15	and travel expenses; requiring the Legislative
16	Committee on Intergovernmental Relations to
17	provide staff support for the task force;
18	specifying the duties of the task force with
19	respect to taking testimony; requiring the task
20	force to submit a report to the Governor and
21	the Legislature; abolishing the task force on a
22	future date; amending s. 946.505, F.S.;
23	clarifying the state's reversionary interest in
24	the facilities, property, and assets of the
25	corporation operating a correctional work
26	program; providing an effective date.
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28	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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30	Section 1. Prison Industries Task Force
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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	<u>future.</u>
7	(b) The task force shall consist of the following 13
8	members:
9	1. The Secretary of Corrections, who shall serve as
10	chair, and two wardens of prisons that operate prison
11	<u>industries programs;</u>
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 member of the Senate, appointed by the President
17	of the Senate;
18	5. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed
19	by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
20	6. A representative from the board of directors of the
21	private nonprofit prison industries corporation, as defined in
22	<u>s. 946.503, Florida Statutes;</u>
23	7. A representative from a local governmental entity
24	that purchases products that are produced by prison
25	industries;
26	8. A representative from a private industry that
27	regularly employs former inmates;
28	9. A representative from a private industry that
29	regularly trains inmates;
30	10. A representative from the academic community who
31	has expertise in research concerning the reentry of former
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1	prisoners into society and the employment of former felons;
2	and
3	11. A former inmate who has worked in the prison
4	industries program.
5	(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
6	House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the members of
7	the task force specified in subparagraphs (b)611. by July 1,
8	2006.
9	(d) The task force shall hold its first meeting by
10	July 15, 2006.
11	(e) All recommendations of the task force shall be by
12	<u>majority vote.</u>
13	(f) The task force shall meet at the call of the
14	chairperson and shall conduct at least three public meetings.
15	(q) Meetings of the task force shall be open to the
16	public and are subject to the requirements of s. 286.011,
17	Florida Statutes. Records of the task force are public records
18	and subject to chapter 119, Florida Statutes, except to the
19	extent that public access to any of those records is
20	restricted by law.
21	(h) Members of the task force shall serve without
22	compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
23	and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida
24	Statutes.
25	(i) The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental
26	Relations shall provide staff support for the task force.
27	(2)(a) The task force shall receive testimony from the
28	Auditor General, the Governor's Inspector General, the Office
29	of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability,
30	PRIDE, and other appropriate officials to address the
31	<u>following:</u>

1	1. Are the statutory missions of the prison industries
2	program as defined in s. 946.501(2), Florida Statutes, still
3	valid?
4	2. Should other valid missions be included within the
5	program?
6	3. How do the current or recommended missions conflict
7	with any other valid missions?
8	4. Should the missions be ranked in order of priority
9	and, if so, to what extent can accomplishment of a
10	higher-priority mission be reduced in order to accomplish a
11	lower-priority mission?
12	5. Is the method of addressing the legislative finding
13	in s. 946.501(3), Florida Statutes, which is that it is in the
14	best interest of the state, inmates, and the general public to
15	duplicate as closely as possible free-enterprise production
16	and service operations, also the most effective manner in
17	which to accomplish the missions of the prison industries
18	program?
19	6. Should the structure for managing the correctional
20	work program be changed in order to facilitate accomplishing
21	the missions of the program?
22	7. Is operating the prison industries program
23	independently of state government the most effective manner in
24	which to accomplish its valid mission?
25	8. To what extent can PRIDE fulfill the legislative
26	intent stated in s. 946.502(6), Florida Statutes, which is
27	that prison industries programs use inmates in all levels of
28	custody, with specific emphasis on reducing idleness among
29	inmates in close custody?
30	9. To what extent, if any, have privatization of
31	governmental functions and changing markets reduced sales by
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1 PRIDE or impeded its ability to expand prison industry 2 training? 3 10. What creative strategies could enhance the prison 4 industries program's ability to meet its valid missions? 5 (b) The task force shall submit a report of its б findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of 7 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by 8 February 15, 2007. 9 (3) All meetings of the task force and all business of 10 the task force for which reimbursement may be requested must be concluded before the report is filed. The task force is 11 12 abolished July 1, 2007. 13 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 946.505, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 14 946.505 Reversion upon dissolution of corporation or 15 16 termination of lease. --17 (1) In the event the corporation is dissolved or its 18 lease of any correctional work program expires or is otherwise terminated, all property relating to such correctional work 19 program which ceases to function because of such termination 20 21 or dissolution, including all buildings, land, furnishings, 22 equipment, and other chattels and assets, whether originally 23 leased from the department or, as well as any subsequently constructed or otherwise acquired facilities in connection 2.4 25 with its continued operation of that program, automatically 26 reverts to full ownership by the department unless the 27 corporation intends to use utilize such property in another 2.8 correctional work program. Such a reversionary ownership interest of the state in any and all such after-acquired 29 facilities, property, and assets by the corporation is in 30 furtherance of the goals established in s. 946.502(4), and 31

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such a present ownership interest by the state is a continuing and insurable state interest. Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 192 The amendment adopted in committee and incorporated into the committee substitute corrects errors noted in the original bill analysis on the number and appointment of the council members.

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