

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Future of Florida's Families Committee recommends the
2 following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to the social status of African-American
8 men and boys; creating the Council on the Social Status of
9 African-American Men and Boys; providing for the
10 appointment and qualification of members; providing for
11 the appointment of members to fill vacant positions;
12 requiring the council to make a systematic study of
13 conditions affecting African-American men and boys;
14 requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide
15 administrative support; requiring the council to submit an
16 annual report to the Governor and Legislature; providing
17 for reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;
18 requiring the Attorney General to organize the initial
19 meeting of the council; providing for the expiration of
20 the council; providing an effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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24 Section 1. Council on the Social Status of African-
 25 American Men and Boys.--
 26 (1) The Council on the Social Status of African-American
 27 Men and Boys is established within the Department of Legal
 28 Affairs and shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows:
 29 (a) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the
 30 same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate
 31 with the advice of the Minority Leader of the Senate.
 32 (b) Two members of the House of Representatives who are
 33 not members of the same political party, appointed by the
 34 Speaker of the House of Representatives with the advice of the
 35 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
 36 (c) The Secretary of Children and Family Services or his
 37 or her designee.
 38 (d) The director of the Mental Health Program Office
 39 within the Department of Children and Family Services or his or
 40 her designee.
 41 (e) The Secretary of Health or his or her designee.
 42 (f) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.
 43 (g) The Secretary of Corrections or his or her designee.
 44 (h) The Attorney General or his or her designee.
 45 (i) The Secretary of Management Services or his or her
 46 designee.
 47 (j) The director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation or
 48 his or her designee.
 49 (k) A businessperson of African-American origin appointed
 50 by the Governor.

51 (1) Two persons appointed by the President of the Senate
 52 who are not members of the Legislature or employed by state
 53 government. One of the appointees must be a clinical
 54 physiologist.

55 (m) Two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 56 Representatives who are not members of the Legislature or
 57 employed by state government. One of the appointees must be an
 58 Africana studies professional.

59 (n) The deputy secretary for Medicaid in the Agency for
 60 Health Care Administration or his or her designee.

61 (o) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice or his or her
 62 designee.

63 (2) A member of the council may be removed at any time by
 64 the member's appointing authority who shall fill the vacancy on
 65 the council.

66 (3)(a) At the first meeting of the council each year, the
 67 members shall elect a chair and a vice chair.

68 (b) A vacancy in the office of chair or vice chair shall
 69 be filled by vote of the remaining members.

70 (4)(a) The council shall make a systematic study of the
 71 conditions affecting African-American men and boys, including,
 72 but not limited to, homicide rates, arrest and incarceration
 73 rates, poverty, violence, drug abuse, death rates, disparate
 74 annual income levels, school performance in all grade levels
 75 including postsecondary levels, and health issues.

76 (b) The council shall propose measures to alleviate and
 77 correct the underlying causes of the conditions described in
 78 paragraph (a). These measures may consist of changes to the law

79 | or systematic changes that can be implemented without
80 | legislative action.

81 | (c) The council may study other topics suggested by the
82 | Legislature or as directed by the chair of the council.

83 | (d) The council shall receive suggestions or comments
84 | pertinent to the applicable issues from members of the
85 | Legislature, governmental agencies, public and private
86 | organizations, and private citizens.

87 | (5) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff
88 | and administrative support to the council.

89 | (6) The council shall meet quarterly and at other times at
90 | the call of the chair or as determined by a majority of council
91 | members and approved by the Attorney General.

92 | (7) Ten of the members of the council shall constitute a
93 | quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
94 | present is required for final action.

95 | (8) The council shall issue its first annual report by
96 | December 15, 2007, and by December 15 each following year,
97 | stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the
98 | council. The council shall submit the report to the Governor,
99 | the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
100 | Representatives, and the chairpersons of the standing committees
101 | of jurisdiction in each chamber.

102 | (9) Members of the council shall serve without
103 | compensation. Members are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
104 | and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
105 | State officers and employees shall be reimbursed from the budget

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106 | of the agency through which they serve. Other members may be
107 | reimbursed by the Department of Legal Affairs.

108 | (10) Notwithstanding subsection (6), the Attorney General
109 | shall:

110 | (a) Within 60 days after the effective date of this act,
111 | fix a date for the initial meeting of the council.

112 | (b) Notify each member of the council of the time, date,
113 | and place where the initial meeting will be held.

114 | (c) Make any other arrangements concerning the initial
115 | meeting of the council.

116 | (d) Serve as the presiding officer at the initial meeting
117 | of the council until a chair is elected.

118 | (11) This section expires July 1, 2012, unless reenacted
119 | by the Legislature.

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