

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health & Families Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the social status of black men and
7 boys; creating the Council on the Social Status of Black
8 Men and Boys; providing for the appointment and
9 qualification of members; providing for the appointment of
10 members to fill vacant positions; requiring the council to
11 make a systematic study of conditions affecting black men
12 and boys; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to
13 provide administrative support; requiring the council to
14 submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature;
15 providing for reimbursement for per diem and travel
16 expenses; providing that the council and any subcommittees
17 it forms are subject to public records and meetings
18 requirements; providing financial disclosure requirements
19 for council members; requiring the Attorney General to
20 organize the initial meeting of the council; providing for
21 the expiration of the council; providing an effective
22 date.
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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.--

(1) The Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is established within the Department of Legal Affairs and shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows:

(a) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate with the advice of the Minority Leader of the Senate.

(b) Two members of the House of Representatives who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the advice of the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(c) The Secretary of Children and Family Services or his or her designee.

(d) The director of the Mental Health Program Office within the Department of Children and Family Services or his or her designee.

(e) The Secretary of Health or his or her designee.

(f) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

(g) The Secretary of Corrections or his or her designee.

(h) The Attorney General or his or her designee.

(i) The Secretary of Management Services or his or her designee.

(j) The director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation or his or her designee.

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51 (k) A businessperson of black origin appointed by the
52 Governor.

53 (l) Two persons appointed by the President of the Senate
54 who are not members of the Legislature or employed by state
55 government. One of the appointees must be a clinical
56 psychologist.

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

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

63 (o) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice or his or her
64 designee.

65 (2) Each member of the council shall be appointed to a 4-
66 year term; however, for the purpose of providing staggered
67 terms, of the initial appointments, 9 members shall be appointed
68 to 2-year terms and 10 members shall be appointed to 4-year
69 terms. A member of the council may be removed at any time by the
70 member's appointing authority who shall fill the vacancy on the
71 council.

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

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

76 (4) (a) The council shall make a systematic study of the
77 conditions affecting black men and boys, including, but not
78 limited to, homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates,

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79 | poverty, violence, drug abuse, death rates, disparate annual
80 | income levels, school performance in all grade levels including
81 | postsecondary levels, and health issues.

82 | (b) The council shall propose measures to alleviate and
83 | correct the underlying causes of the conditions described in
84 | paragraph (a). These measures may consist of changes to the law
85 | or systematic changes that can be implemented without
86 | legislative action.

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

89 | (d) The council shall receive suggestions or comments
90 | pertinent to the applicable issues from members of the
91 | Legislature, governmental agencies, public and private
92 | organizations, and private citizens.

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

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

98 | (7) Eleven of the members of the council shall constitute
99 | a quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members
100 | present is required for final action.

101 | (8)(a) The council shall issue its first annual report by
102 | December 15, 2007, and by December 15 each following year,
103 | stating the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the
104 | council. The council shall submit the report to the Governor,
105 | the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of

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106 Representatives, and the chairpersons of the standing committees
107 of jurisdiction in each chamber.

108 (b) The initial report must include the findings of an
109 investigation into factors causing black-on-black crime from the
110 perspective of public health related to mental health, other
111 health issues, cultural disconnection, and cultural identity
112 trauma.

113 (9) Members of the council shall serve without
114 compensation. Members are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
115 and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
116 State officers and employees shall be reimbursed from the budget
117 of the agency through which they serve. Other members may be
118 reimbursed by the Department of Legal Affairs.

119 (10) The council and any subcommittees it forms shall be
120 subject to the provisions of chapter 119, Florida Statutes,
121 related to public records, and the provisions of chapter 286,
122 Florida Statutes, related to public meetings.

123 (11) Each member of the council who is not otherwise
124 required to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to s.
125 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s. 112.3144, Florida
126 Statutes, must file a disclosure of financial interests pursuant
127 to s. 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

128 (12) Notwithstanding subsection (6), the Attorney General
129 shall:

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

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

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134 (c) Make any other arrangements concerning the initial
135 meeting of the council.

136 (d) Serve as the presiding officer at the initial meeting
137 of the council until a chair is elected.

138 (13) This section expires July 1, 2012, unless reenacted
139 by the Legislature.

140 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2007.