

By the Committee on Governmental Operations; and Senators Fasano, Posey, Oelrich, Joyner, Atwater, Wise, Bennett, Haridopolos, Ring, Peaden, Aronberg and Lynn

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to labor organizations; providing a short title; creating s. 447.3075, F.S.; requiring that the officers of certain state law enforcement agencies be in a separate bargaining unit; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Florida Highway Patrol Sergeant Nicholas Sottile Act."

Section 2. Section 447.3075, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

447.3075 Law enforcement bargaining units; separate units required; establishment.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, administrative rule, or administrative agency decision to the contrary, any state law enforcement agency that has 1,200 or more officers shall be in a bargaining unit that is separate from officers in other state law enforcement agencies. If the application of this section requires that a new state law enforcement bargaining unit be created, a question concerning representation is not deemed to have arisen regarding the new unit or the existing unit.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 128

The Committee Substitute incorporates the amendments adopted in the Criminal Justice Committee providing a short title to the act and establishing a revised procedure for the designation of a separate bargaining unit.