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A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Florida Government Accountability 3 Act; amending s. 11.902, F.S.; changing references of committee to commission and renaming the "Legislative 4 Sunset Advisory Committee" as the "Legislative Sunset 5 Commission"; amending s. 11.903, F.S.; conforming 6 7 terminology; providing that each house may have one or 8 more Legislative Sunset Advisory Committees to advise it 9 regarding agency sunset reviews; requiring the appointment of a joint Legislative Sunset Commission; providing for 10 commission membership; providing for appointments of co-11 chairs; providing for terms; amending s. 11.904, F.S.; 12 providing for the employment of commission staff; 13 providing the role of the Office of Program Policy 14 Analysis and Government Accountability as it relates to 15 16 the commission; providing that the Auditor General shall, upon request, assist the commission; conforming 17 terminology; amending s. 11.905, F.S.; revising the 18 19 schedule for reviewing state agencies and advisory 20 committees; providing that the legislative presiding officers may change the review schedule; providing for 21 notice in case of a change of the review schedule; 22 amending s. 11.9055, F.S.; conforming terminology; 23 24 providing conditions for an agency subject to review to be 25 abolished; providing for continuance or reassignment of 26 outstanding responsibilities of abolished agency; providing for continuation of sunset review under certain 27 circumstances; amending s. 11.906, F.S.; conforming 28 Page 1 of 19

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terminology; revising the timeframe for agency report 29 30 submission to the commission; revising information to be provided in the report; providing for waiver of 31 requirements by the commission; amending s. 11.907, F.S.; 32 requiring the commission to conduct an independent review 33 of agencies; providing that the commission may direct the 34 35 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct reviews of state agencies and 36 37 their advisory committees; delineating requirements of 38 such reviews; providing for commission to set timeframe for submission of reports on reviews; conforming 39 terminology; amending s. 11.908, F.S.; conforming 40 terminology; requiring the commission to review reports of 41 any independent reviews directed by the commission; 42 requiring the commission report to the presiding officers 43 44 to include proposed legislation deemed necessary by the commission; amending s. 11.910, F.S.; revising criteria 45 requirements for review by the commission; conforming 46 47 terminology; amending s. 11.911, F.S.; conforming 48 terminology; requiring the commission's report on an agency to propose legislation necessary to carry out its 49 recommendations; amending s. 11.918, F.S.; conforming 50 terminology; providing that the commission may exercise 51 the powers of subpoena by law and any other powers vested 52 53 in a standing committee of the Legislature; authorizing 54 the commission to access or request information; requiring 55 a state agency or officer to assist the commission when requested; repealing s. 11.919, F.S., relating to 56 Page 2 of 19

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57	assistance of and access to state agencies; providing an
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60	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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62	Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 11.902, Florida
63	Statutes, is amended to read:
64	11.902 DefinitionsAs used in ss. 11.901-11.920, the
65	term:
66	(3) <u>"Commission"</u> <del>"Committee"</del> means any Legislative Sunset
67	Commission Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to s. 11.903.
68	Section 2. Section 11.903, Florida Statutes, is amended to
69	read:
70	11.903 Legislative Sunset Advisory Committees; Legislative
71	Sunset Commission
72	(1) The Senate and House of Representatives may, pursuant
73	to the rules of each house, appoint one or more standing or
74	select committees as a Legislative Sunset Advisory Committee to
75	advise <u>each house</u> the Legislature regarding the agency sunsets
76	required by ss. 11.901-11.920.
77	(2) The Senate and House of Representatives shall may,
78	<del>pursuant to the joint rules of both houses,</del> appoint <del>one or more</del>
79	<del>joint committees as</del> a <u>joint</u> Legislative Sunset <u>Commission for</u>
80	the purpose of implementing the review process for Advisory
81	Committee to advise the Legislature regarding the agency sunsets
82	required by ss. 11.901-11.920.
83	(a) The Legislative Sunset Commission established under
84	this subsection shall be a joint committee composed of at least
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85	10 members: five members of the Senate appointed by the
86	President of the Senate and five members of the House of
87	Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
88	Representatives. At least three of each presiding officer's
89	appointments shall serve on committees or councils with
90	jurisdiction over the agencies undergoing review. The President
91	of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
92	may appoint additional members from their respective chambers as
93	needed, as long as each house has equal representation.
94	(b) The presiding officer of each house shall appoint a
95	chair who shall serve as co-chair of the commission established
96	under this subsection. Each co-chair shall serve at the pleasure
97	of the appointing presiding officer for a term of 2 years or
98	until the next general election. The co-chairs shall decide on a
99	method of dividing the primary responsibility for each agency
100	review under consideration.
101	(3) Members shall serve at the pleasure of their
102	appointing presiding officer for a term <del>terms</del> of 2 years <u>each or</u>
103	until the next general election.
104	(4) Initial appointments shall be made not later than
105	November 30, 2006, and subsequent appointments shall be made not
106	later than January 15 of the year following each organization
107	session of the Legislature.
108	(4) (5) If a legislative member ceases to be a member of
109	the house from which he or she was appointed, the member vacates
110	his or her membership on the <u>commission</u> <del>committee</del> .
111	Section 3. Section 11.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to
112	read:
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113 11.904 Staff.--The Senate and the House of Representatives 114 may each employ staff to work for the chair and vice chair of 115 the commission committee on matters related to commission 116 committee activities. The Auditor General and the Office of 117 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall 118 provide primary research services as directed by the commission 119 and assist the commission committee in conducting its review under s. 11.910. Upon request, the Auditor General shall assist 120 121 the commission. Section 4. Section 11.905, Florida Statutes, is amended to 122 123 read: 11.905 Schedule for reviewing state agencies and advisory 124 committees.--The following state agencies, including their 125 126 advisory committees, or the following advisory committees of agencies shall be reviewed according to the following schedule: 127 128 (1)Reviewed by July 1, 2008: 129 Statutorily created responsibilities of the Fish and (a) 130 Wildlife Conservation Commission. 131 (b) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (C) Department of Citrus, including the Citrus Commission. 132 133 (d) Department of Environmental Protection. 134 (e) Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. (f) Water management districts. 135 Reviewed by July 1, 2010: 136 (2) Department of Children and Family Services. 137 (a) 138 (b) Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Department of Elderly Affairs. 139 (C) Agency for Health Care Administration. 140 (d)

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141	(e)	Department of Health.
142	(f)	Department of Veterans' Affairs.
143	(3)	Reviewed by July 1, 2012:
144	<u>(a)</u>	Advisory committees for the Florida Community College
145	System.	
146	(b)	Advisory committees for the State University System.
147	(C)	Agency for Workforce Innovation.
148	(d)	Department of Education.
149	(e)	Department of the Lottery.
150	(4)	Reviewed by July 1, 2014:
151	(a)	Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
152	(b)	Department of Management Services.
153	(C)	Department of State.
154	(d)	Department of Community Affairs.
155	(e)	Executive Office of the Governor.
156	(f)	Florida Public Service Commission.
157	(g)	Advisory committees for the State Board of
158	Administra	ation.
159	(h)	Department of Financial Services, including the
160	Financial	Services Commission.
161	(i)	Department of Revenue.
162	(5)	Reviewed by July 1, 2016:
163	(a)	Department of Corrections.
164	(b)	Department of Juvenile Justice.
165	(C)	Department of Law Enforcement.
166	(d)	Department of Legal Affairs.
167	(e)	Department of Military Affairs.
168	(f)	Department of Transportation.
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169	(g) Expressway authorities.
170	(h) Justice Administrative Commission.
171	(i) Parole Commission.
172	(j) Judicial Qualifications Commission.
173	(6) Reviewed by July 1, 2018:
174	(a) Statutorily created responsibilities of the Fish and
175	Wildlife Conservation Commission.
176	(b) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
177	(c) Department of Citrus, including the Citrus Commission.
178	(d) Department of Environmental Protection.
179	(e) Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
180	(f) Water management districts.
181	(g) Department of Community Affairs.
182	(7) Upon completion of this cycle, agencies shall again be
183	subject to sunset review 10 years after their initial review
184	unless the review schedule is changed by the President of the
185	Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Any
186	agency or advisory committee affected by a change in the review
187	schedule shall be provided a 3-month notice of such change in
188	order to provide sufficient time for information to be
189	submitted.
190	(2) Reviewed July 1, 2009:
191	(a) Department of Children and Family Services.
192	(b) Department of Community Affairs.
193	(c) Department of Management Services.
194	(d) Department of State.
195	(3) Reviewed July 1, 2010:
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196 (a) Advisory committees for the Florida Community College 197 System. (b) Advisory committees for the State University System. 198 (c) Agency for Workforce Innovation. 199 200 (d) Department of Education. 201 (e) Department of the Lottery. 202 (4) Reviewed July 1, 2011: (a) Agency for Health Care Administration. 203 204 (b) Agency for Persons with Disabilities. (c) Department of Elderly Affairs. 205 (d) Department of Health. 206 207 (5) Reviewed July 1, 2012: 208 (a) Department of Business and Professional Regulation. 209 (b) Department of Transportation. (c) Department of Veterans' Affairs. 210 211 (6) Reviewed July 1, 2013: (a) Advisory committees for the State Board of 212 213 Administration. (b) Department of Financial Services, including the 214 Financial Services Commission. 215 216 (c) Department of Revenue. 217 (7) Reviewed July 1, 2014: 218 (a) Department of Corrections. 219 (b) Department of Juvenile Justice. (c) Department of Law Enforcement. 220 (d) Department of Legal Affairs. 221 (e) Justice Administrative Commission. 222 223 (f) Parole Commission. Page 8 of 19

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224 (8) Reviewed July 1, 2015: (a) Executive Office of the Governor. 225 (b) Florida Public Service Commission. 226 227 Section 5. Section 11.9055, Florida Statutes, is amended 228 to read: 229 11.9055 Abolition of state agencies and advisory 230 committees. --231 (1) (a) An agency subject to review by the Legislative 232 Sunset Commission Committee on Sunset Review shall be abolished 233 on June 30 following the date of review specified in s. 11.905, 234 unless, prior to such June 30, a law is enacted which continues 235 the agency; however, the agency may not be abolished unless a law is enacted under which a substantial portion of the 236 237 responsibilities of the abolished agency are reassigned or 238 abolished and the Legislature continues the agency or advisory 239 committee; however, an agency may not be abolished unless the 240 Legislature finds, pursuant to law, that all state laws the 241 agency had responsibility to implement or enforce have been 242 repealed, revised, or reassigned to another remaining agency and that adequate provision has been made for the transfer to a 243 244 successor agency of all duties and obligations relating to 245 bonds, loans, promissory notes, lease-purchase lease purchase agreements, installment sales contracts, certificates of 246 participation, master equipment financing agreements, or any 247 other form of indebtedness such that security therefor and the 248 rights of bondholders or holders of other indebtedness are not 249 impaired. 250

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251	(b) All outstanding responsibilities of an abolished
252	agency to implement or enforce state laws shall be continued or
253	reassigned by the Governor by executive order within a
254	reasonable time unless and until such responsibilities are
255	continued or reassigned by general law. These responsibilities
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	include, but are not limited to, all duties and obligations
257	relating to bonds, loans, promissory notes, lease-purchase
258	agreements, installment sales contracts, certificates of
259	participation, master equipment financing agreements, or any
260	other form of indebtedness such that security therefor and the
261	rights of bondholders or holders of other indebtedness are not
262	impaired, unless and until such provision shall be made by
263	general law.
264	(2) If the Legislature does not take action before the
265	date of review to continue the agency or advisory committee, the
266	agency shall submit its legislative budget request consistent
267	with recommendations of the appropriate Legislative Sunset
268	<u>Commission</u> Committee on Sunset Review or any law or executive
269	order transferring the agency's functions to other entities.
270	Such agency shall continue to be subject to sunset review by the
271	commission until the Legislature enacts legislation relating to
272	its continuation, modification, or termination.
273	Section 6. Section 11.906, Florida Statutes, is amended to
274	read:
275	11.906 Agency report to <u>commission</u> <del>committee</del> Not later
276	than <u>July 1st 2 years</u> <del>January 1 of the year</del> preceding the year
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278 scheduled to be reviewed, the agency shall provide the 279 commission committee with a report that includes: The performance measures for each program and activity 280 (1)as provided in s. 216.011 and 3 years of data for each measure 281 282 that provides actual results for the immediately preceding 2 283 years and projected results for the <del>current</del> fiscal year that 284 begins in the year the agency report is submitted to the 285 commission. 286 (2) An explanation of factors that have contributed to any 287 failure to achieve the legislative standards. 288 The process used by the agency to actively measure (3)

289 <u>quality and efficiency of services it provides to the public.</u>
290 (4) (3) The promptness and effectiveness with which the

290 <u>(4)</u> (3) The promptness and effectiveness with which the 291 agency disposes of complaints concerning persons affected by the 292 agency.

293 <u>(5)(4)</u> The extent to which the agency has encouraged 294 participation by the public in making its rules and decisions as 295 opposed to participation solely by those it regulates and the 296 extent to which public participation has resulted in rules 297 compatible with the objectives of the agency.

298 <u>(6)(5)</u> The extent to which the agency has complied with 299 applicable requirements of state law and applicable rules 300 regarding purchasing goals and programs for <u>small and minority-</u> 301 <u>owned historically underutilized</u> businesses.

302 <u>(7)</u>(6) A statement of any statutory objectives intended 303 for each program and activity, the problem or need that the 304 program and activity were intended to address, and the extent to 305 which these objectives have been achieved.

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306 <u>(8)</u> (7) An assessment of the extent to which the 307 jurisdiction of the agency and its programs overlap or duplicate 308 those of other agencies and the extent to which the programs can 309 be consolidated with those of other agencies.

310 <u>(9)(8)</u> An assessment of less restrictive or alternative 311 methods of providing services for which the agency is 312 responsible which would reduce costs or improve performance 313 while adequately protecting the public.

314 <u>(10)(9)</u> An assessment of the extent to which the agency 315 has corrected deficiencies and implemented recommendations 316 contained in reports of the Auditor General, the Office of 317 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, 318 legislative interim studies, and federal audit entities.

319 (10) The extent to which the agency enforces laws relating
 320 to potential conflicts of interest of its employees.

(11) The extent to which the agency complies with public
records and public meetings requirements under chapters 119 and
286 and s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.

(12) The extent to which alternative program delivery
options, such as privatization or <u>outsourcing or</u> insourcing,
have been considered to reduce costs or improve services to
state residents.

328 (13) Recommendations to the <u>commission</u> <del>committee</del> for 329 statutory, <del>or</del> budgetary, <u>or regulatory</u> changes that would 330 improve <u>quality and efficiency of services delivered to the</u> 331 <u>public</u> <del>program operations</del>, reduce costs, or reduce duplication.

(14) The effect of federal intervention or loss of federalfunds if the agency, program, or activity is abolished.

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(15) A list of all advisory committees, including those established in statute and those established by managerial initiative; their purpose, activities, composition, and related expenses; the extent to which their purposes have been achieved; and the rationale for continuing or eliminating each advisory committee.

340 (16) Agency programs or functions that are performed341 without specific statutory authority.

342 (17) Other information requested by the <u>commission</u>
343 committee.

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Information and data reported by the agency shall be validated by its agency head and inspector general before submission to the commission. The commission may waive any of the requirements of this section with respect to an agency under review

349 committee.

350 Section 7. Section 11.907, Florida Statutes, is amended to 351 read:

352 11.907 Legislative review.--Upon receipt of an agency report pursuant to s. 11.906, the commission shall conduct an 353 354 independent review of the agency, which may include directing 355 the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government 356 Accountability to review shall conduct a program evaluation and 357 justification review, as defined in s. 11.513, of the agency and its advisory committees, including an examination of the cost of 358 each agency; an evaluation of best practices and alternatives 359 that would result in the administration of the agency in a more 360 efficient or effective manner, including the viability of 361

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2007 privatization or a different state agency performing the functions; and an evaluation of the costs and consequences of

364 discontinuing the agency. The reviews review shall be 365 comprehensive in their its scope and consider the information 366 provided by the agency report in addition to information deemed 367 necessary by the office and the Legislative Sunset Commission 368 Advisory Committee. Any reports prepared by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall be 369 370 submitted submit its report to the commission committee and to 371 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in a timeframe prescribed by the commission by 372 373 October 31 of the year in which the agency submits its report. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government 374 375 Accountability shall include in its reports report recommendations for consideration by the commission committee. 376 377 Section 8. Section 11.908, Florida Statutes, is amended to 378 read: 379 11.908 Commission Committee duties.--No later than March 1 380 of the year in which a state agency or its advisory committees are scheduled to be reviewed, the commission committee shall: 381 382 Review the information submitted by the agency and (1) 383 reports of any independent reviews directed by the commission,

including those conducted by the report of the Office of Program 384 385 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.

Consult with the Legislative Budget Commission, 386 (2) relevant substantive and appropriations committees of the Senate 387 and the House of Representatives, the Governor's Office of 388 Policy and Budgeting, the Auditor General, and the Chief 389

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390 Financial Officer, or their successors, on the application to 391 the agency and its advisory committees of the criteria provided 392 in s. 11.910.

393 (3) Hold public hearings to consider this information as
394 well as other information and testimony that the <u>commission</u>
395 <del>committee</del> deems necessary.

396 (4) Present to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report on the agencies and 397 398 advisory committees scheduled to be reviewed that year by the 399 commission committee. In the report, the commission committee 400 shall include its specific findings and recommendations regarding each of the review criteria under prescribed by s. 401 11.910, and shall also make recommendations as described in s. 402 403 11.911, and propose legislation as deemed necessary.

404 Section 9. Section 11.910, Florida Statutes, is amended to 405 read:

11.910 Criteria for review.--The <u>commission may</u> <del>committee</del> shall consider <u>information submitted pursuant to s. 11.906 as</u> well as any additional criteria it deems relevant the following criteria in determining whether a public need exists for the continuation of a state agency or its advisory committees or for the performance of the functions of the agency or its advisory committees, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Agency compliance with the accountability measures, as
analyzed by the Auditor General, the Office of Program Policy
Analysis and Government Accountability, and the Office of Policy
and Budget within the Executive Office of the Governor, pursuant
to ss. 216.013 and 216.023(4) and (5).

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418 (2) The efficiency with which the agency or advisory419 committee operates.

(3) The statutory objectives of the agency or advisory committee and the problem or need that the agency or advisory committee is intended to address, the extent to which the objectives have been achieved, and any activities of the agency in addition to those granted by statute and the authority for these activities.

426 (4) An assessment of less restrictive or alternative
427 methods of providing any regulatory function for which the
428 agency is responsible while adequately protecting the public.

(5) The extent to which the advisory committee is neededand is used.

(6) The extent to which the jurisdiction of the agency and
the programs administered by the agency overlap or duplicate
those of other agencies and the extent to which the programs
administered by the agency can be consolidated with the programs
of other state agencies.

(7) Whether the agency has recommended to the Legislature
statutory changes calculated to be of benefit to the public
rather than to an occupation, business, or institution that the
agency regulates.

(8) The promptness and effectiveness with which the agency
disposes of complaints concerning persons affected by the
agency.

(9) The extent to which the agency has encouraged
participation by the public in making its rules and decisions as
opposed to participation solely by those it regulates and the
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extent to which the public participation has resulted in rulescompatible with the objectives of the agency.

(10) The extent to which the agency has complied with
applicable requirements of state law and applicable rules of any
state agency regarding purchasing goals and programs for <u>small</u>
and minority-owned <del>historically underutilized</del> businesses.

(11) The extent to which changes are necessary in the
enabling statutes of the agency so that the agency can
adequately comply with the criteria listed in this section.

(12) The extent to which the agency adopts and enforces
rules relating to potential conflicts of interest of its
employees.

(13) The extent to which the agency complies with public
records and public meetings requirements under chapters 119 and
287 and s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution and follows
records management practices that enable the agency to respond
efficiently to requests for public information.

(14) The extent to which the agency accurately reports
performance measures used to justify state spending on each of
its activities, services, and programs.

466 (15) The effect of federal intervention or loss of federal467 funds if the agency is abolished.

(16) Whether any advisory committee or any other part of
the agency exercises its powers and duties independently of the
direct supervision of the agency head in violation of s. 6, Art.
IV of the State Constitution.

472 Section 10. Section 11.911, Florida Statutes, is amended 473 to read:

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474 11.911 Recommendations.--In its report on a state agency,
475 the commission <del>committee</del> shall:

476 (1) Make recommendations on the abolition, continuation,
477 or reorganization of each state agency and its advisory
478 committees and on the need for the performance of the functions
479 of the agency and its advisory committees.

480 (2) Make recommendations on the consolidation, transfer,
481 or reorganization of programs within state agencies not under
482 review when the programs duplicate functions performed in
483 agencies under review.

484 (3) <u>Propose</u> Include drafts of legislation necessary to
485 carry out the <u>commission's</u> committee's recommendations under
486 subsection (1) or subsection (2).

487 Section 11. Section 11.918, Florida Statutes, is amended 488 to read:

489 11.918 Legislative Sunset Commission; powers; assistance
 490 of state agencies Subpoena power.--

491 The Any Legislative Sunset Commission Advisory (1)492 Committee may take under investigation any matter within the scope of a sunset review either completed or then being 493 494 conducted by the commission. The Legislative Sunset Commission 495 committee, and, in connection with such investigation, may 496 exercise the powers of subpoena by law and any other powers 497 vested in a standing committee of the Legislature pursuant to s. 11.143. 498

499 (2) The commission may access or request information and
 500 request assistance of state agencies and officers. When

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501	assistance is req	uested, a state agency or officer shall assist
502	the commission.	
503	Section 12.	Section 11.919, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
504	Section 13.	This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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