

By Senator Geller

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to legislative authority to ratify
3 compacts and agreements; defining terms; designating the
4 Governor as the official to negotiate and execute compacts
5 and agreements; providing for ratification of compacts and
6 agreements by the Legislature; providing for submission of
7 compacts and agreements to the Legislature and the
8 Secretary of State; providing for submission of compacts
9 and agreements to signatories for review and approval;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Compact" includes, but is not limited to, any
16 interstate compact between the State of Florida and other states
17 and any tribal-state compact between the State of Florida and an
18 Indian tribe in this state.

19 (b) "Agreement" includes, but is not limited to, any
20 mutual-aid agreement with agencies of other states which is
21 understood to have the status of a compact but is not actually an
22 agreement between states, or any similar agreement.

23 (2) The Governor is the designated state officer
24 responsible for negotiating and executing, on behalf of the
25 state, compacts and agreements with other states, agencies of
26 other states, or an Indian tribe in this state.

27 (3) Any compact or agreement that is entered into by other
28 states, agencies of other states, or an Indian tribe in this

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29 state and the Governor pursuant to subsection (2) must be
30 conditioned upon ratification by the Legislature.

31 (4) Following completion of negotiations, the Governor
32 shall submit a copy of any executed compact or agreement for
33 ratification by a majority vote by both houses of the Legislature
34 and shall submit a copy of the executed compact or agreement to
35 the Secretary of State pending receipt of an act ratifying the
36 compact or agreement under the provisions of this section.

37 (5) Upon receipt of an act ratifying the compact or
38 agreement, the Secretary of State shall forward a copy of the
39 executed compact or agreement and the ratifying act to the
40 signatories to the compact or agreement for review and approval.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.