

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a task force on workplace safety;
3 creating the Florida Public Task Force on Workplace Safety
4 within the Office of Insurance Regulation; providing
5 legislative intent; providing purposes of the task force;
6 providing for membership and staffing; providing for
7 members to serve without compensation for their service;
8 providing for payment of travel and per diem expenses to
9 members resulting from the performance of their official
10 duties; requiring that the task force address certain
11 issues; authorizing the task force to procure information
12 or assistance from any officer or agency of the state;
13 requiring that such officers or agencies provide
14 information and assistance to the task force; requiring
15 that the task force submit a report and recommendations to
16 the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the President
17 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives by a specified date; requiring that the
19 report include certain information; providing for
20 dissolution of the task force; providing an effective
21 date.

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

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25 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to require
26 all departments and agencies of the state, and all county
27 governments and municipalities located in the state, to comply
28 with subparts C through T and subpart Z of the Occupational

29 Safety and Health Administration Standards, 29 C.F.R. s. 1910,
30 as revised July 1, 1993, with the exception of those standards
31 pertaining to firefighters and fire departments which are
32 inconsistent with any rules adopted by the Office of Insurance
33 Regulation.

34 Section 2. (1) The Florida Public Task Force on Workplace
35 Safety is established within the Office of Insurance Regulation
36 for the purpose of developing findings and issuing
37 recommendations regarding innovative ways by which the state may
38 effectively ensure that all state departments and agencies, and
39 all county governments and municipalities located in the state,
40 may comply with subparts C through T and subpart Z of the
41 Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standards, 29
42 C.F.R. s. 1910, as revised July 1, 1993, with the exception of
43 those standards pertaining to firefighters and fire departments
44 which are inconsistent with any rules adopted by the office.

45 (2)(a) All members of the task force must be appointed on
46 or before July 15, 2008, and the task force shall hold its first
47 meeting on or before August 15, 2008.

48 (b) The task force shall be composed of 15 members as
49 follows:

50 1. Five members appointed by the Governor, one of whom
51 must be a representative of a statewide business organization;
52 one of whom must be a representative of organized labor; one of
53 whom must be a professional whose work focuses on safety,
54 health, and environmental issues; one of whom must be a
55 representative of the executive branch of state government; and
56 one of whom must be an academic having demonstrated knowledge of

57 pertinent issues related to occupational safety and health. The
 58 Governor shall name one of the appointees under this
 59 subparagraph as chair of the task force.

60 2. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate,
 61 one of whom must be a representative of a statewide business
 62 organization; one of whom must be a representative of organized
 63 labor; one of whom must be a professional whose work focuses on
 64 safety, health, and environmental issues; and one of whom must
 65 be active in private-sector business.

66 3. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 67 Representatives, one of whom must be a representative of a
 68 statewide business organization; one of whom must be a
 69 representative of organized labor; one of whom must be a
 70 professional whose work focuses on safety, health, and
 71 environmental issues; and one of whom must be active in private-
 72 sector business.

73 4. Two members appointed from the private sector by the
 74 Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer or his or
 75 her designee from the Office of Insurance Regulation shall serve
 76 as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the task force.

77 (3) The task force shall address issues, including, but
 78 not limited to:

79 (a) Differences in the workplace safety needs of private-
 80 sector employers and public-sector employers;

81 (b) The relationship between federal and state activities
 82 related to workplace safety; and

83 (c) The impact of public-sector workplace safety and
 84 health on the economic-development efforts of the state.

85 (4) The task force shall exist within the Office of
86 Insurance Regulation, and shall be staffed with existing
87 employees of that office.

88 (5) Members of the task force shall serve without
89 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
90 travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, while
91 in the performance of their duties.

92 (6) The task force may procure information and assistance
93 from any officer or agency of the state, or any subdivision
94 thereof. All such officials and agencies shall give the task
95 force all relevant information and assistance on any matter
96 within their knowledge or control.

97 (7) The task force shall submit a report and
98 recommendations to the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer,
99 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
100 Representatives by January 1, 2009. The report must include any
101 specific recommendations for legislative action during the 2009
102 Regular Session of the Legislature.

103 (8) The task force shall be dissolved upon the submission
104 of its report.

105 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.