

By the Committees on General Government Appropriations;
Governmental Operations; and Senator Lynn

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to workplace safety; creating the Florida
3 Public Task Force on Workplace Safety within the Safety
4 Florida Consultation Program at the University of South
5 Florida; providing purpose of the task force; providing
6 for membership; requiring that the task force address
7 certain issues concerning workplace safety in the public
8 and private sectors; providing for staffing; providing for
9 members to serve without compensation but to be reimbursed
10 for per diem and travel expenses; authorizing the task
11 force to procure information or assistance from any
12 officer or agency of the state; requiring that such
13 officers or agencies provide information and assistance to
14 the task force; requiring that the task force submit a
15 report and recommendations to the Governor, the Chief
16 Financial Officer, and the Legislature by a specified
17 date; requiring that the report include certain
18 information; providing for dissolution of the task force;
19 providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.
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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23 Section 1. (1) The Florida Public Task Force on Workplace
24 Safety is established within the Safety Florida Consultation
25 Program at the University of South Florida for the purpose of
26 developing findings and issuing recommendations regarding
27 innovative ways by which the state may effectively ensure that
28 each state department and agency and each county government and
29 municipality located in the state complies with subparts C

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

35 (2) (a) All members of the task force shall be appointed on
36 or before July 15, 2008, and the task force shall hold its first
37 meeting on or before August 15, 2008.

38 (b) The task force shall be composed of 15 members as
39 follows:

40 1. Five members appointed by the Governor, one of whom must
41 be a representative of a statewide business organization; one of
42 whom must be a representative of organized labor; one of whom
43 must be a professional whose work focuses on safety, health, and
44 environmental issues; one of whom must be a representative of the
45 executive branch of state government; and one of whom must be an
46 academic having demonstrated knowledge of pertinent issues
47 related to occupational safety and health. The Governor shall
48 name one of the appointees under this subparagraph as chair of
49 the task force.

50 2. Five members appointed by the President of the Senate,
51 one of whom must be a representative of a statewide business
52 organization; one of whom must be a representative of organized
53 labor; one of whom must be a professional whose work focuses on
54 safety, health, and environmental issues; one of whom must be
55 from the Florida Association of Counties; and one of whom must be
56 active in private-sector business.

57 3. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
58 Representatives, one of whom must be a representative of a

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59 statewide business organization; one of whom must be a
60 representative of organized labor; one of whom must be a
61 professional whose work focuses on safety, health, and
62 environmental issues; one of who must be from the Florida League
63 of Cities; and one of whom must be active in private-sector
64 business.

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

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

69 (b) The relationship between federal and state activities
70 related to workplace safety; and

71 (c) The effect of public-sector workplace safety and health
72 on the economic-development efforts of the state.

73 (4) The task force shall exist within the University of
74 South Florida Safety Florida Consultation Program, and existing
75 employees of that office shall provide staff support.

76 (5) Members of the task force shall serve without
77 compensation while in the performance of their duties, but are
78 entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses in
79 accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

80 (6) The task force may procure information and assistance
81 from any officer or agency of the state or any subdivision
82 thereof. All such officials and agencies shall give the task
83 force all relevant information and assistance on any matter
84 within their knowledge or control.

85 (7) The task force shall submit a report and
86 recommendations to the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the
87 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

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88 Representatives by January 1, 2009. The report must include any
89 specific recommendations for legislative action during the 2009
90 Regular Session of the Legislature.

91 (8) The task force is dissolved upon the submission of its
92 report.

93 Section 2. The sum of \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds is
94 appropriated from the Worker's Compensation Administration Trust
95 Fund in the Department of Financial Services for transfer to the
96 University of South Florida for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for the
97 purpose of implementing the Florida Public Task Force on
98 Workplace Safety.

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