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1 The Committee on Judiciary (Baker) recommended the following
 2 **amendment:**

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

5 Delete line(s) 1992,

6 and insert:

7 Section 37. Effective July 1, 2008, section 16.62, Florida
 8 Statutes, is created to read:

9 16.62 Coordinating Council on Gang-Reduction Strategies.-

10 (1) CREATION.-A coordinating council, as defined in s.
 11 20.03, named the Coordinating Council on Gang-Reduction
 12 Strategies, is established within the Department of Legal
 13 Affairs. The council is subject to the provisions of s. 20.052.

14 (2) PURPOSE.-The purpose of the council is to develop and
 15 implement a statewide strategy for reducing criminal street



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16 gangs and gang-related crime and violence, and to coordinate and
17 give direction, guidance, and support to the efforts of federal,
18 state, and local government agencies, law enforcement, at-risk
19 youth prevention and intervention organizations, elected
20 officials, and community leaders to combat gangs in this state.
21 All recommendations of the council are subject to approval by a
22 majority of the members of the council.

23 (3) COMPOSITION.—

24 (a) The council shall consist of the following eleven
25 members:

26 1. The Attorney General or his or her designee, who shall
27 serve as chair of the council;

28 2. The Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law
29 Enforcement or his or her designee;

30 3. The Secretary of the Department of Education or his or
31 her designee;

32 4. The Secretary of the Department of Children and Families
33 or his or her designee;

34 5. The Secretary of the Department of Corrections or his or
35 her designee;

36 6. The Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice or
37 his or her designee;

38 7. The Director of the Office of Drug Control or his or her
39 designee;

40 8. The Director of the Florida Highway Patrol or his or her
41 designee;

42 9. The President of the Florida Sheriffs Association or his
43 or her designee;



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44 10. The President of the Florida Police Chiefs Association
45 or his or her designee; and

46 11. The President of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys
47 Association or his or her designee.

48 (b) Council members shall serve without compensation.
49 Members are entitled to per diem and travel expenses as provided
50 in s. 112.061. State officers and employees shall be reimbursed
51 from the budget of the agency through which they serve. Other
52 members may be reimbursed by the Department of Legal Affairs.

53 (4) MEETINGS; PROCEDURES; RECORDS.—

54 (a) The council shall meet at the call of the chair.

55 (b) The business of the council shall be presented to the
56 council in the form of an agenda. The agenda shall be set by
57 the chair and shall include items of business requested by the
58 council members.

59 (c) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and
60 action by a majority of a quorum shall be official.

61 (d) The minutes for each meeting shall be submitted to the
62 chair within 14 days after each meeting.

63 (5) POWERS AND DUTIES.—

64 (a) The council shall:

65 1. Gather, compile, assimilate, and facilitate the
66 distribution to government agencies and community organizations
67 of data on criminal street gangs and at-risk youth prevention
68 and intervention programs in Florida.

69 2. Develop and implement a statewide strategy to stop the
70 growth of, reduce the number of, and render ineffectual criminal
71 street gangs in Florida.



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72 3. Coordinate and give guidance, direction, and support to
 73 efforts by federal, state, and local government agencies, law
 74 enforcement, at-risk youth prevention and intervention
 75 organizations, elected officials, and community leaders to
 76 combat gangs and reduce gang-related crime and violence in this
 77 state, including the formation of regional task forces and local
 78 and regional coalitions whose membership and direction the
 79 council may determine.

80 (b) The council may:

81 1. Coordinate with any state agency, any political
 82 subdivision, or any school district of the state in the
 83 furtherance of its mission.

84 2. Request from any department, division, board, bureau,
 85 commission, or other agency of the state, or of any political
 86 subdivision thereof, cooperation and assistance in the
 87 performance of its duties.

88 (6) EXPIRATION.—The council shall expire on December 31,
 89 2009, unless reenacted by the Legislature.

90 Section 38. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
 91 act, and except for this section, which shall take effect July
 92 1, 2008, this act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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 94 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

95 And the title is amended as follows:

96 Delete line(s) 87,

97 and insert:

98 Division of Statutory Revision; creating s. 16.62, F.S.;

99 creating the Coordinating Council on Gang-Reduction



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100 Strategies; providing for the purpose, composition,
101 procedures, powers, and expiration of the council;
102 providing effective dates.
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