

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to a task force on workplace safety;  
 3           providing legislative intent; creating the Florida Public  
 4           Task Force on Workplace Safety within the University of  
 5           South Florida Safety Florida Consultation Program;  
 6           providing purpose of the task force; providing for  
 7           membership and staffing; providing for members to serve  
 8           without compensation for their services; requiring that  
 9           the task force address certain issues; authorizing the  
 10          task force to procure information or assistance from any  
 11          officer or agency of the state; requiring that such  
 12          officers or agencies provide information and assistance to  
 13          the task force; requiring that the task force submit a  
 14          report and recommendations to the Governor, the Chief  
 15          Financial Officer, the President of the Senate, and the  
 16          Speaker of the House of Representatives by a specified  
 17          date; requiring that the report include certain  
 18          information; providing for dissolution of the task force;  
 19          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. It is the intent of the Legislature to require  
 24 all departments and agencies of the state and all county and  
 25 municipal governments in the state to comply with subparts C  
 26 through T and subpart Z of the Occupational Safety and Health  
 27 Administration Standards, 29 C.F.R. s. 1910, as revised July 1,  
 28 1993, with the exception of those standards pertaining to

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29 firefighters and fire departments that are inconsistent with any  
30 rules adopted by the Office of Insurance Regulation.

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

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

46 (b) The task force shall be composed of 15 members as  
47 follows:

48 1. Five members appointed by the Governor, one of whom  
49 must be representative of a statewide business organization; one  
50 of whom must be a representative of organized labor; one of whom  
51 must be a professional whose work focuses on safety, health, and  
52 environmental issues; one of whom must be a representative of  
53 the executive branch of state government; and one of whom must  
54 be an academic having demonstrated knowledge of issues pertinent  
55 to occupational safety and health. The Governor shall name one  
56 of the appointees under this subparagraph to serve as chair of

57 the task force.

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

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

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

75 (a) Differences in the workplace safety needs of private-  
 76 sector employers and public-sector employers.

77 (b) The relationship between federal and state activities  
 78 related to workplace safety.

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

81 (4) The task force shall exist within the University of  
 82 South Florida Safety Florida Consultation Program and shall be  
 83 staffed with existing employees of that office.

84 (5) Members of the task force shall serve without

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85 compensation while in the performance of their duties.

86 (6) The task force may procure information and assistance  
87 from any officer or agency of the state or any subdivision  
88 thereof. All such officials and agencies shall provide the task  
89 force with all relevant information and assistance on any matter  
90 within their knowledge or control.

91 (7) The task force shall submit a report and  
92 recommendations to the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer,  
93 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
94 Representatives by January 1, 2009. The report must include any  
95 specific recommendations for legislative action during the 2009  
96 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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

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