

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 the purpose of the task force;
 6 providing for membership; requiring that the task force
 7 address certain issues concerning workplace safety in the
 8 public and private sectors; providing for staffing;
 9 providing for members to serve without compensation but to
 10 be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses;
 11 authorizing the task force to procure information or
 12 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, and the
 17 Legislature by a specified date; requiring that the report
 18 include certain information; providing for dissolution of
 19 the task force; 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
 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 standards pertaining to firefighters
 33 and fire departments.

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

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

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

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

56 3. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

84 (7) The task force shall submit a report and

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85 recommendations to the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer,
86 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
87 Representatives by January 1, 2009. The report must include any
88 specific recommendations for legislative action during the 2009
89 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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

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