

By Senator Gaetz

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to military base closures; creating s.  
3 288.984, F.S.; establishing the Legislative Oversight  
4 Council on United States Department of Defense Base  
5 Realignment and Closure Activities; providing the  
6 council's mission; providing for membership; providing  
7 for terms of appointment; providing for reappointment  
8 of members; providing for election of a council chair  
9 and vice chair; providing for members to be reimbursed  
10 for expenses; providing for council committees and the  
11 tasks of the committees; providing an effective date.  
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15 Section 1. Section 288.984, Florida Statutes, is created to  
16 read:

17 288.984 Legislative Oversight Council on United States  
18 Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Activities.-  
19 The Legislative Oversight Council on United States Department of  
20 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Activities is established.  
21 The council shall provide oversight of the initiatives and  
22 actions taken on behalf of the state under this part.

23 (1) MISSION.-The mission of the council is to:

24 (a) Keep the state's military installations and their core  
25 missions off the Department of Defense's base realignment and  
26 closure activities list.

27 (b) Know the capabilities of state military installations  
28 in order to accommodate the realignment of bases from other  
29 locations and the potentiality for realigning bases from this

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30 state.

31 (c) Support local community efforts relating to the  
32 realignment and closure of a military base by acting as a  
33 liaison between the local communities and the Legislature.

34 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

35 (a) The council shall be composed of six members. The  
36 President of the Senate shall appoint three members, at least  
37 two of whom shall be members of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
38 the House of Representatives shall appoint three members, at  
39 least two of whom shall be members of the House of  
40 Representatives.

41 (b) Each of the legislative members appointed by the  
42 presiding officer of each house of the Legislature shall be  
43 appointed to a term of 2 years, commencing July 1 of each odd-  
44 numbered year. The offices of the legislative members become  
45 vacant if the legislators cease to be members of the house of  
46 the Legislature from which they were appointed. Each of the  
47 other members shall be appointed to a term of 4 years,  
48 commencing July 1 in the year of appointment. A vacancy shall be  
49 filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same  
50 manner as the initial appointment. All members of the council  
51 are eligible for reappointment.

52 (c) Members of the council shall elect a chair and vice  
53 chair to terms of 2 years and the chair and vice chair are  
54 eligible to succeed themselves.

55 (d) The members of the council shall serve without  
56 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement from the  
57 appointing legislative chamber for expenses in accordance with  
58 s. 112.061.

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59       (3) SUBCOMMITTEES.—The council shall establish the  
60 following committees:

61       (a) The Intrastate Activities Committee. The task of the  
62 committee is to:

63       1. Collect information about and become familiar with the  
64 concerns and activities of local communities in protecting their  
65 respective military bases.

66       2. Conduct an analysis of the probability of base  
67 realignment and closure actions for each military base and share  
68 that evaluation with the affected community and the council.

69       3. Obtain the latest base realignment and closure  
70 information available from the Federal Government and ensure  
71 that communities are updated on that information.

72       4. Collect effective methods and practices used by local  
73 communities to address the issue of base realignment or closure  
74 and disseminate such best practices among affected communities.

75       5. Ensure that no affected community or stakeholder is left  
76 out of state-level efforts and that everyone sees the value in a  
77 statewide coordination of information gathering, strategy  
78 development, and best-practice sharing.

79       6. Educate the Legislature on the importance of supporting  
80 legislation relating to the state's military bases.

81       (b) The Federal Activities Committee. The task of the  
82 committee is to ensure that the council has a presence at the  
83 Pentagon and to have on-going dialogue with key Department of  
84 Defense officials concerning the state's military bases.

85       (c) The Competitive Advantages Committee. The task of the  
86 committee is to research and collect best practices and  
87 strategies throughout the country with respect to other military

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88 communities in order to leverage this state's competitive  
89 advantage.

90 (d) The Public Communications Committee. The task of the  
91 committee is to increase public awareness of federal base  
92 realignment and closure activities and public investment in  
93 preserving the state's military bases.

94 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.