

By the Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security; and
Senators Gaetz and Peaden

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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 Florida Council on
4 Military Base and Mission Support; providing the
5 council's mission; providing for membership; providing
6 for terms of appointment; providing for reappointment
7 of members; providing for election of a council chair
8 and vice chair; providing for members to be reimbursed
9 for expenses; requiring Enterprise Florida, Inc., to
10 provide administrative support; providing for council
11 workgroups and the tasks of the workgroups; providing
12 an annual report to the Legislature and Governor;
13 providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Section 288.984, Florida Statutes, is created to
18 read:

19 288.984 Florida Council on Military Base and Mission
20 Support.—The Florida Council on Military Base and Mission
21 Support is established. The council shall provide oversight and
22 direction for initiatives, claims, and actions taken on behalf
23 of the state, its agencies, and political subdivisions under
24 this part.

25 (1) MISSION.—The mission of the council is to:

26 (a) Support and strengthen all United States Department of
27 Defense missions and bases located in the State of Florida.

28 (b) Know the capabilities of all state military
29 installations in order to understand and be supportive of future

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30 military growth opportunities in Florida.

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 nine members of which
36 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
37 Representatives, and the Governor shall each appoint three
38 members.

39 1. The appointments of the President of the Senate shall
40 include one member of the Senate, one community representative
41 from a community-based defense support organization, and one
42 member who is a retired military general or flag-rank officer
43 residing in this state or an executive officer of a defense
44 contracting firm doing significant business in this state.

45 2. The appointments of the Speaker of the House of
46 Representatives shall include one member of the House of
47 Representatives, one community representative from a community-
48 based defense support organization, and one member who is a
49 retired military general or flag-rank officer residing in this
50 state or an executive officer of a defense contracting firm
51 doing significant business in this state.

52 3. The appointments of the Governor shall include the
53 director or designee of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
54 Economic Development, the vice chairperson or designee of
55 Enterprise Florida, Inc., and one discretionary appointment.

56 (b) Each of the legislative members shall be appointed to a
57 term of 2 years, commencing July 1 of each odd-numbered year.
58 Each of the other members shall be appointed to a term of 4

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59 years, commencing July 1 in the year of appointment. A vacancy
60 shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the
61 same manner as the initial appointment. All members of the
62 council are eligible for reappointment.

63 (c) Members of the council shall elect a chair and vice
64 chair to terms of 2 years, and the chair and vice chair may
65 succeed themselves.

66 (d) The members of the council shall serve without
67 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement from the
68 appointing legislative chamber or the Executive Office of the
69 Governor, as appropriate, for expenses in accordance with s.
70 112.061.

71 (e) Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall provide administrative
72 support to the council.

73 (3) WORKGROUPS.—The council shall establish the following
74 workgroups:

75 (a) *The Intrastate Activities Workgroup.*—The task of the
76 workgroup is to:

77 1. Collect information about and become familiar with the
78 concerns and activities of local communities in enhancing and
79 supporting their respective military bases.

80 2. Conduct an analysis of the strengths of each military
81 base and share that evaluation with the council and the affected
82 community.

83 3. In partnership with the Florida Defense Alliance and
84 local communities, conduct ongoing analysis of current and
85 proposed changes to Department of Defense mission and military
86 force structure and alignment.

87 4. Collect effective methods and practices used by local

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88 communities to address the issue of military base support and
89 enhancement and disseminate such best practices among affected
90 communities.

91 5. Ensure that affected communities and stakeholders are
92 informed of and invited to assist and support state-level
93 efforts to affect statewide coordination of information
94 gathering, strategy development, and best-practice sharing.

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

97 (b) The Federal Activities Workgroup.—The task of the
98 workgroup is to ensure that the council has a presence at the
99 Pentagon and has ongoing dialogue with key Department of Defense
100 officials concerning the state's military bases.

101 (c) The Competitive Advantages Workgroup.—The task of the
102 workgroup is to research and collect best practices and
103 strategies throughout the country with respect to other military
104 communities in order to leverage this state's competitive
105 advantage.

106 (d) The Public Communications Workgroup.—The task of the
107 workgroup is to increase public awareness of federal base
108 realignment and closure activities and public investment in
109 preserving the state's military bases.

110 (4) REPORT.—The council shall prepare and submit an annual
111 report to the Legislature and Governor summarizing the current
112 status of the state's military bases, the council's activities,
113 and any recommendations for legislative or executive action.

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