By the Committees on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; and Community Affairs; and Senators Bennett and Crist

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a review of the Department of Community Affairs and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation under the Florida Government Accountability Act; reenacting s. 20.18, F.S., relating to the establishment of the Department of Community Affairs; reenacting s. 420.504, F.S., relating to the establishment of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; repealing s. 14.31(8), F.S., relating to the repeal of the Florida Faith-based and Community-based Advisory Council; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, ss. 11.901-11.920, Florida Statutes, the Florida Government Accountability Act, subjects the Department of Community Affairs and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to a sunset review process in order to determine whether the agencies should be retained, modified, or abolished, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation produced a report providing specific information, as enumerated in s. 11.906, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the report, the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee and committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives assigned to act as sunset review committees reviewed the report and requested studies by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, and

WHEREAS, based on the department's report, studies of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability,

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606-04855-10 30 and public input, the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee and 31 legislative sunset review committees made recommendations on the 32 abolition, continuation, or reorganization of the Department of 33 Community Affairs and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; 34 on the need for the functions performed by the agencies; and on 35 the consolidation, transfer, or reorganization of programs 36 within the Department of Community Affairs and the Florida 37 Housing Finance Corporation, and 38 WHEREAS, this Legislature wishes to retain the Department 39 of Community Affairs and the Florida Housing Finance 40 Corporation, NOW, THEREFORE, 41 42 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 43 44 Section 1. Section 20.18, Florida Statutes, is reenacted. 45 Section 2. Section 420.504, Florida Statutes, is reenacted. 46 Section 3. Subsection (8) of section 14.31, Florida 47 Statutes, is repealed. 48 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.