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Senator Altman moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 652 - 680

and insert:

Section 35. In order to implement Specific Appropriation 2535AI, section 288.984, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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



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14 (a) Support and strengthen all United States Department of  
15 Defense missions and bases located in this state.

16 (b) Know the capabilities of all state military  
17 installations in order to understand and be supportive of future  
18 military growth opportunities in this state.

19 (c) Support local community efforts relating to mission  
20 support of a military base by acting as a liaison between the  
21 local communities and the Legislature.

22 (d) Enhance Florida's defense economy.

23 (e) Make recommendations that prepare the state for  
24 effectively competing in any federal base realignment and  
25 closure action.

26 (f) Improve the state's military-friendly environment for  
27 service members, military dependents, and military retirees and  
28 for businesses that bring military- and base-related jobs to the  
29 state.

30 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

31 ~~(a)~~ The council shall be composed of 13 ~~nine~~ members.

32 (a) The President of the Senate and~~7~~ the Speaker of the  
33 House of Representatives~~, and the Governor~~ shall each appoint  
34 three members as follows:

35 1. The President of the Senate shall appoint one member of  
36 the Senate, one community representative from a community-based  
37 defense support organization, and one member who is a retired  
38 military general or flag-rank officer residing in this state or  
39 an executive officer of a defense contracting firm doing  
40 significant business in this state.

41 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
42 appoint one member of the House of Representatives, one



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43 community representative from a community-based defense support  
44 organization, and one member who is a retired military general  
45 or flag-rank officer residing in this state or an executive  
46 officer of a defense contracting firm doing significant business  
47 in this state.

48 (b)3. The Governor or his or her designee shall serve as  
49 chair of the council, and the Governor shall appoint seven  
50 members as follows:

51 1. The director or designee of the Office of Tourism,  
52 Trade, and Economic Development.7

53 2. The vice chairperson or designee of Enterprise Florida,  
54 Inc., ~~and one at-large member.~~

55 3. Five members at large.

56 (c) ~~(b)~~ Each of the appointed legislative members shall  
57 serve for a term of 2 years, commencing July 1 of each odd-  
58 numbered year. Each of the other appointed members shall serve  
59 for a term of 4 years, commencing July 1 in the year of  
60 appointment. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the  
61 unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment.  
62 All members of the council are eligible for reappointment.

63 ~~(c) Members of the council shall elect a chair and vice~~  
64 ~~chair to serve for terms of 2 years. The chair and vice chair~~  
65 ~~are eligible to succeed themselves.~~

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

71 (e) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development



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72 shall provide administrative support to the council unless the  
73 councils is authorized to have its own support staff.

74 (f) The Secretary of Community Affairs or his or her  
75 designee, the Secretary of Environmental Protection or his or  
76 her designee, the Secretary of Transportation or his or her  
77 designee, the Adjutant General of the state or his or her  
78 designee, and the executive director of the Department of  
79 Veterans' Affairs or his or her designee shall attend meetings  
80 held by the council and provide assistance, information, and  
81 support as requested by the council.

82 (3) WORKGROUPS.—The council shall establish the following  
83 workgroups:

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

86 1. Collect information about and become familiar with the  
87 concerns and activities of local communities in enhancing and  
88 supporting their respective military bases.

89 2. Conduct an analysis of the strengths of each military  
90 base and share the evaluation with the council and the affected  
91 community.

92 3. In partnership with the Florida Defense Alliance and  
93 local communities, conduct ongoing analyses of current and  
94 proposed changes to the mission and military force structure and  
95 alignment of the United States Department of Defense.

96 4. Identify the most effective methods and practices used  
97 by local communities to address the issue of military base  
98 support and enhancement and disseminate such best practices  
99 among affected communities.

100 5. Ensure that affected communities and stakeholders are



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101 informed of and invited to assist and support state-level  
102 efforts to affect statewide coordination of information  
103 gathering, strategy development, and the sharing of best  
104 practices.

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

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

111 (c) *The Competitive Advantages Workgroup.*—The task of the  
112 workgroup is to research and identify best practices and  
113 strategies throughout the country with respect to other military  
114 communities in order to leverage the state's competitive  
115 advantage.

116 (d) *The Public Communications Workgroup.*—The task of the  
117 workgroup is to increase public awareness of the presence and  
118 value of United States military installations and their missions  
119 in Florida and public investment in supporting the state's  
120 military bases.

121 (4) ANNUAL REPORT.—The council shall prepare and submit a  
122 report to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1 of each  
123 year. The report shall summarize the current status of the  
124 state's military bases, the council's activities, and any  
125 recommendations for legislative or executive action.

126 (5) EXPIRATION.—This section expires July 1, 2012.

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128 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

129 And the title is amended as follows:



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130 Delete lines 102 - 105  
131 and insert:  
132 workers' compensation coverage; amending s. 288.984.  
133 F.S.; revising the mission and membership of the  
134 Florida Council on Military Base and Mission Support;  
135 providing for expiration of the section;