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Senator Margolis moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 33 and 34

insert:

Section 2. Article V Accountability and Efficiency Workgroup.—

(1) The Article V Accountability and Efficiency Workgroup is created to serve through January 15, 2012. The workgroup shall consist of 15 voting members and 2 ex officio members as follows:

(a) The Governor or his or her designee.

(b) The Attorney General or his or her designee.

(c) Five representatives from the state courts system



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14 designated by the Chief Justice.

15 (d) Three representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
16 House of Representatives.

17 (e) Three representatives appointed by the President of the
18 Senate.

19 (f) Two at-large representatives from the business
20 community.

21 (g) A representative of the Florida Public Defender's
22 Association as an ex officio member.

23 (h) A representative of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys
24 Association as an ex officio member.

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26 The chair and vice chair shall be selected by members of the
27 work group. Staff from the Senate and House Judiciary committees
28 shall provide staff support for the workgroup.

29 (2) The workgroup shall review and make recommendations in
30 all of the following areas:

31 (a) The workload of the Supreme Court.

32 (b) The impact on case processing of splitting the Supreme
33 Court into a Criminal Division and a Civil Division.

34 (c) The structure and function of the Judicial Nominating
35 Commission.

36 (d) The structure and function of the Judicial
37 Qualifications Commission.

38 (e) The effectiveness of the merit retention system.

39 (f) The impact of including Senate confirmation in the
40 judicial selection process.

41 (g) The structure and function of the Supreme Court's
42 rulemaking authority.



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43 (h) The adequacy and stability of the current funding for
44 the state courts system.

45 (3) The workgroup shall obtain data on all relevant areas
46 of internal Supreme Court operations, evaluate the data, make
47 selected audits of such data as necessary, and report to the
48 Legislature regarding the accuracy of such data.

49 (4) The workgroup shall be terminated upon the issuance of
50 a report and final recommendations to the President of the
51 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief
52 Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Governor not later than
53 January 15, 2012.

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56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete line 6

58 and insert:

59 of newly appointed members; creating the Article V
60 Accountability and Efficiency Workgroup to review and
61 make recommendations to the Legislature relating to
62 the Supreme Court and the state court system;
63 specifying the membership and duties of the workgroup;
64 providing an effective