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Senator Margolis moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (649060) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 66 and 67
5 insert:

6 Section 4. Article V Accountability and Efficiency
7 Workgroup.—

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

12 (a) The Governor or his or her designee.

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



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14 (c) Five representatives from the state courts system
15 designated by the Chief Justice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (a) The workload of the Supreme Court.

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

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

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

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

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

42 (g) The structure and function of the Supreme Court's



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43 rulemaking authority.

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

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

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

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57 And the title is amended as follows:

58 Delete line 87

59 and insert:

60 former office holders; creating the Article V
61 Accountability and Efficiency Workgroup to review and
62 make recommendations to the Legislature relating to
63 the Supreme Court and the state court system;
64 specifying the membership and duties of the workgroup;
65 providing an effective date.