

**FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 5401

**FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:**

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**SPONSOR:** Rep. Glorioso

**GOVERNOR'S ACTION:** Approved

**COMPANION BILLS:** N/A

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

HB 5401 was passed by the House and the Senate on May 6, 2011 and was signed by the Governor on June 2, 2011, chapter 2011-132, Laws of Florida. The bill conforms to the Fiscal Year 2011-12 General Appropriations Act by repealing s. 16.61, Florida Statutes, and creating s. 943.0415, Florida Statutes. The bill provides for a transfer of all functions of the Department of Legal Affairs Cybercrime Office to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

As a result of this bill, 19 full-time equivalent positions and \$1.5 million in General Revenue will be transferred from the Department of Legal Affairs to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. In addition, the bill reduces the budget of the Department of Legal Affairs by 19 full-time equivalent positions and \$1.5 million in General Revenue.

## **I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION**

### **A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:**

Section 16.61, F.S., creates the Cybercrime Office within the Department of Legal Affairs. The office was created in 2006 and is charged with investigating violations of state law pertaining to the sexual exploitation of children over the internet and other electronic devices. The office currently employs 34 full-time equivalent positions and has a budget of \$2.5 million.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement also has a cybercrime unit that has been in existence since 1998 and handles all computer cybercrime, not just offenses relating to child predators. This unit currently employs 14 full-time equivalent positions and has a budget of \$1.4 million.

This bill transfers 19 full-time equivalent positions and \$1.5 million in General Revenue will be transferred from the Department of Legal Affairs to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. In addition, the bill reduces the budget of the Department of Legal Affairs by 19 full-time equivalent positions and \$1.5 million in General Revenue.

## **II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

### **A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:**

#### **1. Revenues:**

None.

#### **2. Expenditures:**

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### **B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

#### **1. Revenues:**

None.

#### **2. Expenditures:**

None.

### **C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:**

None.

### **D. FISCAL COMMENTS:**

None.