

By Senator Thompson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Office of Faith-Based and
3 Community Initiatives; creating the office within the
4 Department of Economic Opportunity; directing the
5 department to provide administrative and staff support
6 services for the office; providing the duties of the
7 office; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Office of Faith-Based and Community
12 Initiatives.-

13 (1) There is created the Office of Faith-Based and
14 Community Initiatives within the Department of Economic
15 Opportunity. Department staff shall provide administrative and
16 staff support services for the office.

17 (2) The office shall:

18 (a) Promote and coordinate community service and volunteer
19 participation in faith-based and community-based organizations
20 throughout the state.

21 (b) Identify and remove unnecessary administrative barriers
22 to create greater access for partnership and enhance the
23 capacity of faith-based and community-based organizations to
24 implement successful programs.

25 (c) Develop strategies to eliminate barriers to funding and
26 other resource opportunities for faith-based and community-based
27 organizations.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.