

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  
 22           barriers to create greater access for partnership and enhance  
 23           the capacity of faith-based and community-based organizations to  
 24           implement successful programs.

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

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