

By Senator Soto

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to daylight saving time; providing a  
3 short title; requiring that the State of Florida and  
4 its political subdivisions observe daylight saving  
5 time year-round; authorizing each district school  
6 board to adjust school start times due to the year-  
7 round observance of daylight saving time; authorizing  
8 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to  
9 study adjustments in standard agricultural practices  
10 due to the year-round observance of daylight saving  
11 time; providing an effective date.  
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13 WHEREAS, Florida's sunshine is an essential economic asset  
14 and part of this state's quality of life, and

15 WHEREAS, additional sunshine would have a positive economic  
16 impact on numerous businesses throughout the state, and

17 WHEREAS, district school boards are capable within their  
18 discretion to adjust school start times to ensure student  
19 safety, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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23 Section 1. (1) This section may be cited as the "Sunshine  
24 Protection Act."

25 (2) Notwithstanding how time is advanced pursuant to 15  
26 U.S.C. s. 260(a), daylight saving time shall be the year-round  
27 standard time of the entire state and all of its political  
28 subdivisions.

29 (3) Each district school board may adjust school start

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30 times based on student safety and available daylight as a result  
31 of this section.

32 (4) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may  
33 study adjustments in standard agricultural practices as a result  
34 of this section.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.