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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 1054 - 1164
and insert:

(b)1. Be governed by a board of directors, which must consist of 20 ~~up to 15~~ members appointed by the Governor, which include:

a. Ten members representing Florida major league franchises of Major League Baseball, National Basketball Association, National Football League, Arena Football League, National Hockey



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11 League, and Major League Soccer teams domiciled in this state.
12 b. A member representing Florida Sports Commissions.
13 c. A member representing the boating and fishing industries
14 in Florida.
15 d. A member representing the golf industry in Florida.
16 e. A member representing Major League Baseball spring
17 training.
18 f. A member representing the auto racing industry in
19 Florida.
20 g. Five members at-large. and up to 15 members appointed by
21 the existing board of directors. In making at-large
22 appointments, the governor ~~board~~ must consider a potential
23 member's background in community service and sports activism in,
24 and financial support of, the sports industry, professional
25 sports, or organized amateur athletics. Members must be
26 residents of the state and highly knowledgeable about or active
27 in professional or organized amateur sports.
28 2. The board must contain representatives of all
29 geographical regions of the state and must represent ethnic and
30 gender diversity. The terms of office of the members shall be 4
31 years. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms. The
32 Governor may remove any member for cause and shall fill all
33 vacancies that occur.
34 (c) Have as its purpose, as stated in its articles of
35 incorporation, to receive, hold, invest, and administer
36 property; to raise funds and receive gifts; and to promote and
37 develop the sports industry and related industries for the
38 purpose of increasing the economic presence of these industries
39 in Florida.



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40 (d) Have a prior determination by the department ~~Office of~~
41 ~~Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development~~ that the organization
42 will benefit the department ~~office~~ and act in the best interests
43 of the state as a direct-support organization to the department
44 ~~office~~.

45 (3) The Florida Sports Foundation shall operate under
46 contract with the department. The department shall enter into a
47 contract with the foundation by July 1, 2016. The contract must
48 provide ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall~~
49 ~~contract with the organization and shall include in the contract~~
50 that:

51 (a) The department ~~office~~ may review the foundation's
52 ~~organization's~~ articles of incorporation.

53 (b) The foundation ~~organization~~ shall submit an annual
54 budget proposal to the department ~~office~~, on a form provided by
55 the department ~~office~~, in accordance with department ~~office~~
56 procedures for filing budget proposals based upon the
57 recommendation of the department ~~office~~.

58 (c) Any funds that the foundation ~~organization~~ holds in
59 trust will revert to the state upon the expiration or
60 cancellation of the contract.

61 (d) The foundation ~~organization~~ is subject to an annual
62 financial and performance review by the department ~~office~~ to
63 determine whether the foundation ~~organization~~ is complying with
64 the terms of the contract and whether it is acting in a manner
65 consistent with the goals of the department ~~office~~ and in the
66 best interests of the state.

67 (e) The fiscal year of the foundation ~~organization~~
68 ~~will begin~~ July 1 of each year and ends ~~end~~ June 30 of the next



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69 ensuing year.

70 (4) The department ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~
71 ~~Development~~ may allow the foundation ~~organization~~ to use the
72 property, facilities, personnel, and services of the department
73 ~~office~~ if the foundation ~~organization~~ provides equal employment
74 opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color,
75 religion, sex, age, or national origin, subject to the approval
76 of the executive director of the department ~~office~~.

77 (5) The foundation ~~organization~~ shall provide for an annual
78 financial audit in accordance with s. 215.981.

79 (6) The foundation ~~organization~~ is not granted any taxing
80 power.

81 ~~(7) In exercising the power provided in this section, the~~
82 ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development may authorize~~
83 ~~and contract with the direct-support organization existing on~~
84 ~~June 30, 1996, and authorized by the former Florida Department~~
85 ~~of Commerce to promote sports-related industries. An appointed~~
86 ~~member of the board of directors of such direct-support~~
87 ~~organization as of June 30, 1996, may serve the remainder of his~~
88 ~~or her unexpired term.~~

89 (7)~~(8)~~ To promote amateur sports and physical fitness, the
90 foundation ~~direct-support organization~~ shall:

91 (a) Develop, foster, and coordinate services and programs
92 for amateur sports for the people of Florida.

93 (b) Sponsor amateur sports workshops, clinics, conferences,
94 and other similar activities.

95 (c) Give recognition to outstanding developments and
96 achievements in, and contributions to, amateur sports.

97 (d) Encourage, support, and assist local governments and



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98 communities in the development of or hosting of local amateur
99 athletic events and competitions.

100 (e) Promote Florida as a host for national and
101 international amateur athletic competitions.

102 (f) Develop ~~a~~ statewide programs ~~program~~ of amateur
103 athletic competition to be known as the "Florida Senior Games"
104 and the "Sunshine State Games."

105 (g) Continue the successful amateur sports programs
106 previously conducted by the Florida Governor's Council on
107 Physical Fitness and Amateur Sports created under former s.
108 14.22.

109 (h) Encourage and continue the use of volunteers in its
110 amateur sports programs to the maximum extent possible.

111 (i) Develop, foster, and coordinate services and programs
112 designed to encourage the participation of Florida's youth in
113 Olympic sports activities and competitions.

114 (j) Foster and coordinate services and programs designed to
115 contribute to the physical fitness of the citizens of Florida.

116 ~~(8)-(9)~~ (a) The Sunshine State Games and Florida Senior Games
117 shall both be patterned after the Summer Olympics with
118 variations as necessitated by availability of facilities,
119 equipment, and expertise. The games shall be designed to
120 encourage the participation of athletes representing a broad
121 range of age groups, skill levels, and Florida communities.
122 ~~Participants shall be residents of this state. Regional~~
123 ~~competitions shall be held throughout the state, and the top~~
124 ~~qualifiers in each sport shall proceed to the final competitions~~
125 ~~to be held at a site in the state with the necessary facilities~~
126 ~~and equipment for conducting the competitions.~~



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127 (b) The department ~~Executive Office of the Governor~~ is
128 authorized to permit the use of property, facilities, and
129 personal services of or at any State University System facility
130 or institution by the direct-support organization operating the
131 Sunshine State Games and Florida Senior Games. For the purposes
132 of this paragraph,