



27 2. The Chief Financial Officer shall appoint one member.

28 3. The President of the Senate shall appoint one member.

29 4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
 30 appoint one member.

31 (b) Members of the council shall serve 4-year terms. For  
 32 purposes of ensuring staggered terms, the council members  
 33 appointed by the Governor and the Chief Financial Officer shall  
 34 be appointed to 4-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year  
 35 of appointment, and the council members appointed by the  
 36 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 37 Representatives shall be appointed to 2-year terms beginning on  
 38 January 1 of the year of appointment. After the initial  
 39 appointments, all appointees shall be appointed to 4-year terms.

40 (c) A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the  
 41 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

42 (3) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION.—

43 (a) The first meeting of the council shall be held no  
 44 later than August 1, 2016. Thereafter, the council shall meet at  
 45 least twice each year. Meetings may be held via teleconference  
 46 or other electronic means.

47 (b) Members of the council shall annually elect from its  
 48 membership a chair and vice chair. The council shall meet at the  
 49 call of the chair or at such times as may be prescribed by the  
 50 council.

51 (c) Three members of the council constitute a quorum, and  
 52 a meeting may not be held unless a quorum is present. The

53 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the council  
54 present is necessary for any official action by the council.

55 (d) Members of the council shall serve without  
56 compensation but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel  
57 expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

58 (4) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES—The council shall:

59 (a) Conduct a review of policies and programs that work to  
60 move people out of poverty.

61 (b) Develop strategies to address the causes of poverty in  
62 the state.

63 (c) Develop recommendations to reduce the percentage of  
64 people living in poverty in the state.

65 (d) Study the academic outcomes for children in poverty  
66 and develop recommendations on how to improve such outcomes.

67 (5) REPORT.—By January 15 of each year, beginning in 2018,  
68 the council shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the  
69 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
70 Representatives containing an accounting of its activities and  
71 recommendations for legislative, administrative, and regulatory  
72 reforms to facilitate efforts in mitigating the existence of  
73 poverty in this state.

74 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.