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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Clemens) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Florida Council on Poverty.-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL.-The Florida Council on Poverty is established and assigned to the Department of Economic Opportunity as an advisory council, as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes. The council shall be administratively housed within the Department of Economic Opportunity.



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11           (2) COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.—The council shall consist of five  
12 members who shall be residents of this state. The members shall  
13 be appointed as follows:

14           (a) The Governor shall appoint one member who must be from  
15 the Florida Association for Community Action, Inc.

16           (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall appoint one member.

17           (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint one  
18 member.

19           (d) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member.

20           (e) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
21 appoint one member.

22           (3) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION.—

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

27           (b) Members of the council shall annually elect from its  
28 membership a chair and vice chair. The council shall meet at the  
29 call of the chair or at such times as may be prescribed by the  
30 council.

31           (c) Three members of the council constitute a quorum, and a  
32 meeting may not be held unless a quorum is present. The  
33 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the council  
34 present is necessary for any official action by the council.

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

38           (4) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.—The council shall:

39           (a) Conduct a review of policies and programs that work to



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40 move people out of poverty.

41 (b) Develop strategies to address the causes of poverty in  
42 the state.

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

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

47 (5) REPORT.—By January 15 of each year, beginning in 2018,  
48 the council shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the  
49 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
50 Representatives containing an accounting of its activities and  
51 recommendations for legislative, administrative, and regulatory  
52 reforms to facilitate efforts in mitigating the existence of  
53 poverty in this state.

54 (6) TERMINATION.—The Florida Council on Poverty shall be  
55 abolished on July 1, 2019.

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

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58 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

59 And the title is amended as follows:

60 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
61 and insert:

62 A bill to be entitled  
63 An act relating to the Florida Council on Poverty;  
64 establishing the council within the Department of  
65 Economic Opportunity; specifying the membership of the  
66 council; providing for organization of the council;  
67 authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel  
68 expenses; prescribing the scope of the council's



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69 activities; requiring the council to annually submit a  
70 report to the Governor and Legislature; requiring the  
71 council's abolition by a specific date; providing an  
72 effective date.