

By Senator Rader

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Office of Drug Control;  
3           creating s. 397.335, F.S.; creating the Office of Drug  
4           Control within the Executive Office of the Governor;  
5           providing for the office to be headed by a director  
6           appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate  
7           confirmation; providing the purpose and duties of the  
8           office; requiring the director of the office to report  
9           annually to the Governor and Legislature; providing an  
10          effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14           Section 1. Section 397.335, Florida Statutes, is created to  
15          read:

16           397.335 Office of Drug Control.-

17           (1) The Office of Drug Control is created within the  
18           Executive Office of the Governor. The Governor shall appoint a  
19           director, who is subject to confirmation by the Senate.

20           (2) The purpose of the office is to work in collaboration  
21           with the Office of Planning and Budgeting to:

22           (a) Coordinate drug control efforts and enlist the  
23           assistance of the public and private sectors in those efforts,  
24           including, but not limited to, federal, state, and local  
25           agencies.

26           (b) Provide information to the public about the problem of  
27           substance abuse and available substance abuse programs and  
28           services.

29           (c) Act as the Governor's liaison with state agencies,

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30 other state governments, the federal Office of National Drug  
31 Control Policy, federal agencies, and the public and private  
32 sectors on matters that relate to substance abuse.

33 (d) Work to secure funding and other support for the  
34 state's drug control efforts, including, but not limited to,  
35 establishing cooperative relationships among state and private  
36 agencies.

37 (e) Develop a strategic program and funding initiative that  
38 links the separate jurisdictional activities of state agencies  
39 with respect to drug control. The office may designate lead and  
40 contributing agencies to develop such initiatives.

41 (f) Advise the Governor and the Legislature on substance  
42 abuse trends in this state, the status and funding of current  
43 substance abuse programs and services, and the status of the  
44 development and implementation of the state drug control  
45 strategy by the office.

46 (g) Make recommendations to the Governor on measures that  
47 the director considers advisable for the effective  
48 implementation of the state drug control strategy.

49 (3) On or before December 1 of each year, the director  
50 shall report to the Governor and the Legislature on the  
51 information and recommendations required under paragraphs (2) (f)  
52 and (g), respectively.

53 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.