

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 purpose and duties of the
 8 Office of Drug Control; requiring the director of the
 9 Office of Drug Control to report annually to the
 10 Governor and Legislature; providing an 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
 15 to 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 of the Office of Drug Control, who shall be subject to
 20 confirmation by the Senate.

21 (2) The purpose of the Office of Drug Control is to work
 22 in collaboration with the Office of Planning and Budgeting to:

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

26 agencies.

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

30 (c) Act as the Governor's liaison with state agencies,
31 other state governments, the federal Office of National Drug
32 Control Policy, federal agencies, and with the public and
33 private sectors on matters that relate to substance abuse.

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

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

42 (f) Advise the Governor and the Legislature on substance
43 abuse trends in this state, the status of current substance
44 abuse programs and services, the funding of those programs and
45 services, and the status of the Office of Drug Control in
46 developing and implementing the state drug control strategy.

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

50 (3) On or before December 1 of each year, the director of

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51 | the Office of Drug Control shall report to the Governor and the
52 | Legislature on the information and recommendations required
53 | under paragraphs (2) (f) and (g).

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