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17        (c) Blockchain technology can reduce the prevalence of  
18 disparate government computer systems, databases, and custom-  
19 built software interfaces; reduce costs associated with  
20 maintenance and implementation; streamline information sharing;  
21 and allow more areas of the state to electronically participate  
22 in government services.

23        (d) Nations, other states, and municipalities across the  
24 world are studying and implementing governmental reforms that  
25 bolster trust and reduce bureaucracy through verifiable open  
26 source blockchain technology in a variety of areas, including,  
27 but not limited to, medical and health records, land records,  
28 banking, tax and fee payments, smart contracts, professional  
29 accrediting, and property auctions.

30        (e) It is in the public interest to establish a Florida  
31 Blockchain Task Force comprised of government and industry  
32 representatives to study the ways in which state, county, and  
33 municipal governments can benefit from a transition to a  
34 blockchain-based system for recordkeeping, security, and service  
35 delivery and to develop and submit recommendations to the  
36 Governor and the Legislature concerning the potential for  
37 implementation of blockchain-based systems that promote  
38 government efficiencies, better services for citizens, economic  
39 development, and safer cyber-secure interaction between  
40 government and the public.

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41       (2) The Florida Blockchain Task Force, a task force as  
42 defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is established within the  
43 Department of Financial Services to explore and develop a master  
44 plan for fostering the expansion of the blockchain industry in  
45 the state, to recommend policies and state investments to help  
46 make this state a leader in blockchain technology, and to issue  
47 a report to the Governor and the Legislature. The task force  
48 shall study if and how state, county, and municipal governments  
49 can benefit from a transition to a blockchain-based system for  
50 recordkeeping, data security, financial transactions, and  
51 service delivery and identify ways to improve government  
52 interaction with businesses and the public.

53       (a) The master plan shall:

- 54       1. Identify the economic growth and development  
55 opportunities presented by blockchain technology.
- 56       2. Assess the existing blockchain industry in the state.
- 57       3. Identify innovative and successful blockchain  
58 applications currently used by industry and other governments to  
59 determine viability for state applications.
- 60       4. Review workforce needs and academic programs required  
61 to build blockchain technology expertise across all relevant  
62 industries.
- 63       5. Make recommendations to the Governor and the  
64 Legislature that will promote innovation and economic growth by

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65 reducing barriers to and expedite the expansion of the state's  
66 blockchain industry.

67 (b) The task force shall consist of 12 members. Membership  
68 shall be as follows:

69 1. Three agency heads or executive directors of cabinet  
70 agencies, or their designees, appointed by the Governor.

71 2. Four members of the public or private sector with  
72 knowledge and experience in blockchain technology, appointed by  
73 the Governor.

74 3. Three members from the public or private sector with  
75 knowledge and experience in blockchain technology, appointed by  
76 the Chief Financial Officer.

77 4. One member from the private sector with knowledge and  
78 experience in blockchain technology, appointed by the President  
79 of the Senate.

80 5. One member from the private sector with knowledge and  
81 experience in blockchain technology, appointed by the Speaker of  
82 the House of Representatives.

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84 Members of the task force shall reflect the ethnic diversity of  
85 the state.

86 (c) Within 90 days after the effective date of this act, a  
87 majority of the members of the task force must be appointed and  
88 the task force shall hold its first meeting. The task force  
89 shall elect one of its members to serve as chair. Members of the

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90 task force shall serve for the duration of the existence of the  
91 task force. Any vacancy that occurs shall be filled in the same  
92 manner as the original appointment. Task force members shall  
93 serve without compensation, and are not entitled to  
94 reimbursement for per diem or travel expenses.

95 (d) The task force shall study blockchain technology,  
96 including, but not limited to, the following:

97 1. Opportunities and risks associated with using  
98 blockchain and distributed ledger technology for state and local  
99 governments.

100 2. Different types of blockchains, both public and  
101 private, and different consensus algorithms.

102 3. Projects and cases currently under development in other  
103 states and local governments, and how these cases could be  
104 applied in this state.

105 4. Ways the Legislature can modify general law to support  
106 secure paperless recordkeeping, increase cybersecurity, improve  
107 interactions with citizens, and encourage blockchain innovation  
108 for businesses in the state.

109 5. Identifying potential economic incentives for companies  
110 investing in blockchain technologies in collaboration with the  
111 state.

112 6. Recommending projects for potential blockchain  
113 solutions, including, but not limited to, use cases for state  
114 agencies that would improve services for citizens or businesses.

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115 7. Identifying the technical skills necessary to develop  
116 blockchain technology and ensuring that instruction in such  
117 skills is available at secondary and postsecondary educational  
118 institutions in this state.

119 (3) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor,  
120 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
121 Representatives and present its findings to the appropriate  
122 legislative committees in each house of the Legislature within  
123 180 days after the initial meeting of the task force. The report  
124 must include:

125 (a) A general description of the costs and benefits of  
126 state and local government agencies using blockchain technology.

127 (b) Recommendations concerning the feasibility of  
128 implementing blockchain technology in the state and the best  
129 approach to finance the cost of implementation.

130 (c) Recommendations for specific implementations to be  
131 developed by relevant state agencies.

132 (d) Any draft legislation the task force deems appropriate  
133 to implement such blockchain technologies.

134 (e) Identification of one pilot project that may be  
135 implemented in the state.

136 (f) Any other information deemed relevant by the task  
137 force.

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138       (4) The task force is entitled to the assistance and  
139 services of any state agency, board, bureau, or commission as  
140 necessary and available for the purposes of this act.

141       (5) The Department of Financial Services shall provide  
142 support staff for the task force and any relevant studies, data,  
143 and materials in its possession to assist the task force in the  
144 performance of its duties.

145       (6) The task force shall terminate upon submission of the  
146 report and the presentation of findings.

147       (7) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming  
148 a law.

149       Section 38. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
150 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this  
151 act becoming law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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154                   **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

155       Remove line 83 and insert:  
156 cross-references; providing legislative findings; establishing  
157 the Florida Blockchain Task Force within the Department of  
158 Financial Services; requiring the task force to develop a  
159 specified master plan; specifying the composition of the task  
160 force; specifying duties and procedures of the task force;  
161 providing that task force members shall serve without  
162 compensation but are entitled to certain reimbursement;

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163 requiring the task force to submit a specified report to the  
164 Governor and the Legislature and to make presentations;  
165 providing that the task force is entitled to assistance and  
166 services of state governmental entities; requiring the  
167 department to provide support staff and other assistance to the  
168 task force; providing for termination of the task force;  
169 providing effective dates.