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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee
 2 Representative LaMarca offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section 20.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.121 Department of Financial Services.—There is created a Department of Financial Services.

(2) DIVISIONS.—The Department of Financial Services shall consist of the following divisions and office:

(f) The Division of Public Assistance Fraud, which shall function as a criminal justice agency for purposes of ss. 943.045-943.08. The division shall conduct investigations pursuant to s. 414.411 within or outside of this state as it deems necessary. If, during an investigation, the division has

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17 reason to believe that any criminal law of this state has or may
18 have been violated, it shall refer any records tending to show
19 such violation to state or federal law enforcement or
20 prosecutorial agencies and shall provide investigative
21 assistance to those agencies as required.

22 Section 2. Section 284.45, Florida Statutes, is created to
23 read:

24 284.45 Sexual harassment victims.—

25 (1) Individuals working for an entity covered by the State
26 Risk Management Trust Fund are prohibited from engaging in
27 retaliatory conduct, of any kind, against a sexual harassment
28 victim. As used in this section, the term "sexual harassment
29 victim" means an individual employed with or being considered
30 for employment with an entity participating in the State Risk
31 Management Trust Fund, who becomes a victim of workplace sexual
32 harassment, through the course of employment, or being
33 considered for employment, with such entity.

34 (2) The willful and knowing dissemination of personal
35 identifying information of a sexual harassment victim to any
36 party other than a government entity in furtherance of its
37 official duties or pursuant to a court order is a misdemeanor of
38 the first degree, and punishable as provided in s. 775.082. For
39 purposes of this subsection personal identifying information
40 includes the name of the victim and his or her:

41 (a) Home address;

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42 (b) Home phone number;

43 (c) Cellular phone number;

44 (d) E-mail address;

45 (e) Social media account username or URL; or

46 (f) Any other information that could reasonably be used to
47 identify, locate, or contact the alleged victim.

48 Section 3. Subsections (1), (2), (3), (6), and (8) of
49 section 497.101, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

50 497.101 Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services;
51 membership; appointment; terms.—

52 (1) The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services
53 is created within the Department of Financial Services and shall
54 consist of 10 members, 9 of whom shall be appointed by the
55 Governor from nominations made by the Chief Financial Officer
56 and confirmed by the Senate. The Chief Financial Officer shall
57 nominate one to three persons for each of the nine vacancies on
58 the board, and the Governor shall fill each vacancy on the board
59 by appointing one of the ~~three~~ persons nominated by the Chief
60 Financial Officer to fill that vacancy. If the Governor objects
61 to each of the ~~three~~ nominations for a vacancy, she or he shall
62 inform the Chief Financial Officer in writing. Upon notification
63 of an objection by the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer
64 shall submit one to three additional nominations for that
65 vacancy until the vacancy is filled. One member must be the
66 State Health Officer or her or his designee.

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67 (2) Two members of the board shall be funeral directors
68 licensed under part III of this chapter who are associated with
69 a funeral establishment. One member of the board shall be a
70 funeral director licensed under part III of this chapter who is
71 associated with a funeral establishment licensed under part III
72 of this chapter that has a valid preneed license issued pursuant
73 to this chapter and who owns or operates a cinerator facility
74 approved under chapter 403 and licensed under part VI of this
75 chapter. Two members of the board shall be persons whose primary
76 occupation is associated with a cemetery company licensed
77 pursuant to this chapter. Two ~~Three~~ members of the board shall
78 be consumers who are residents of the state, have never been
79 licensed as funeral directors or embalmers, are not connected
80 with a cemetery or cemetery company licensed pursuant to this
81 chapter, and are not connected with the death care industry or
82 the practice of embalming, funeral directing, or direct
83 disposition. One of the two consumer members shall be at least
84 60 years of age, ~~and one shall be licensed as a certified public~~
85 ~~accountant under chapter 473.~~ One member of the board shall be a
86 consumer who is a resident of this state; licensed as a
87 certified public accountant under chapter 473; has never been
88 licensed as a funeral director or embalmer; is not a principal
89 or employee of any licensee licensed under this chapter; and
90 does not otherwise have control, as defined in s. 497.005, over
91 any licensee licensed under this chapter. One member of the

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92 board shall be a principal of a monument establishment licensed
93 under this chapter as a monument builder. One member shall be
94 the State Health Officer or her or his designee. There shall not
95 be two or more board members who are principals or employees of
96 the same company or partnership or group of companies or
97 partnerships under common control.

98 (3) Board members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years,
99 and the State Health Officer shall serve as long as that person
100 holds that office. The designee of the State Health Officer
101 shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. ~~When the terms of~~
102 ~~the initial board members expire, the Chief Financial Officer~~
103 ~~shall stagger the terms of the successor members as follows: one~~
104 ~~funeral director, one cemetery representative, the monument~~
105 ~~builder, and one consumer member shall be appointed for terms of~~
106 ~~2 years, and the remaining members shall be appointed for terms~~
107 ~~of 4 years. All subsequent terms shall be for 4 years.~~

108 (6) The headquarters and records of the board shall be in
109 the Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services of the
110 Department of Financial Services in the City of Tallahassee. The
111 board may be contacted through the Division of Funeral,
112 Cemetery, and Consumer Services of the Department of Financial
113 Services in the City of Tallahassee. The Chief Financial Officer
114 shall annually appoint from among the board members a chair and
115 vice chair of the board. The board shall meet at least every 6
116 months, and more often as necessary. Special meetings of the

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117 board shall be convened upon the direction of the Chief
118 Financial Officer. A quorum is necessary for the conduct of
119 business by the board. Unless otherwise provided by law, a
120 majority of the board members eligible to vote shall constitute
121 a quorum for the purpose of conducting its business ~~six board~~
122 ~~members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the board's~~
123 ~~business.~~

124 ~~(8) The department shall adopt rules establishing forms by~~
125 ~~which persons may apply for membership on the board and~~
126 ~~procedures for applying for such membership. Such forms shall~~
127 ~~require disclosure of the existence and nature of all current~~
128 ~~and past employments by or contracts with, and direct or~~
129 ~~indirect affiliations or interests in, any entity or business~~
130 ~~that at any time was licensed by the board or by the former~~
131 ~~Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services or the former Board of~~
132 ~~Funeral Directors and Embalmers or that is or was otherwise~~
133 ~~involved in the death care industry, as specified by department~~
134 ~~rule.~~

135 Section 4. Section 497.1411, Florida Statutes, is created
136 to read:

137 497.1411 Disqualification of applicants and licensees;
138 penalties against licensees; rulemaking.-

139 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

140 (a) "Applicant" means an individual applying for licensure
141 or relicensure under this chapter, and an officer, director,

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142 majority owner, partner, manager, or other person who manages or
143 controls an entity applying for licensure or relicensure under
144 this chapter.

145 (b) "Felony of the first degree" and "capital felony"
146 include all felonies designated as such in this state, at the
147 time of the commission of the offense, as well as any offense in
148 another jurisdiction that is substantially similar to an offense
149 so designated in this state.

150 (c) "Financial services business" means any financial
151 activity regulated by the Department of Financial Services, the
152 Office of Insurance Regulation, or the Office of Financial
153 Regulation.

154 (2) An applicant who has been found guilty of or has
155 pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following
156 crimes, regardless of adjudication, is permanently barred from
157 licensure under this chapter:

158 (a) A felony of the first degree.

159 (b) A capital felony.

160 (c) A felony money laundering offense.

161 (d) A felony embezzlement.

162 (3) An applicant who has been found guilty of or has
163 pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a crime not included in
164 subsection (2), regardless of adjudication, is subject to:

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165 (a) A 10-year disqualifying period for all felonies
166 involving moral turpitude that are not specifically included in
167 the permanent bar contained in subsection (2).

168 (b) A 5-year disqualifying period for all felonies to
169 which neither the permanent bar in subsection (2) nor the 10-
170 year disqualifying period in paragraph (a) applies.

171 (c) A 5-year disqualifying period for all misdemeanors
172 directly related to the financial services business.

173 (4) The board shall adopt rules to administer this
174 section. The rules must provide for additional disqualifying
175 periods due to the commitment of multiple crimes and may include
176 other factors reasonably related to the applicant's criminal
177 history. The rules shall provide for mitigating and aggravating
178 factors. However, mitigation may not result in a period of
179 disqualification of less than 5 years and may not mitigate the
180 disqualifying periods in paragraphs (3) (b) and (c).

181 (5) For purposes of this section, a disqualifying period
182 begins upon the applicant's final release from supervision or
183 upon completion of the applicant's criminal sentence. The
184 department may not issue a license to an applicant unless all
185 related fines, court costs and fees, and court-ordered
186 restitution have been paid.

187 (6) After the disqualifying period has expired, the burden
188 is on the applicant to demonstrate that he or she has been
189 rehabilitated, does not pose a risk to the public, is fit and

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190 trustworthy to engage in business regulated by this chapter, and
191 is otherwise qualified for licensure.

192 (7) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), an applicant
193 who has been found guilty of, or has pleaded guilty or nolo
194 contendere to, a crime in subsection (2) or subsection (3), and
195 has subsequently been granted a pardon or the restoration of
196 civil rights pursuant to chapter 940 and s. 8, Art. IV of the
197 State Constitution, or such pardon or the restoration of civil
198 rights under the laws of another jurisdiction with respect to a
199 conviction in that jurisdiction, is not barred or disqualified
200 from licensure under this chapter; however, such a pardon or
201 restoration of civil rights does not require the department to
202 award such license.

203 (8) (a) The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer
204 Services may grant an exemption from disqualification to any
205 person disqualified from licensure under subsection (3) if:

206 1. The applicant has paid in full any fee, fine, fund,
207 lien, civil judgment, restitution, or cost of prosecution
208 imposed by the court as part of the judgment and sentence for
209 any disqualifying offense; and

210 2. At least 5 years have elapsed since the applicant
211 completed or has been lawfully released from confinement,
212 supervision, or nonmonetary condition imposed by the court for a
213 disqualifying offense.

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214 (b) For the board to grant an exemption under this
215 subsection, the applicant must clearly and convincingly
216 demonstrate that he or she would not pose a risk to persons or
217 property if licensed under this chapter, evidence of which must
218 include, but need not be limited to, facts and circumstances
219 surrounding the disqualifying offense, the time that has elapsed
220 since the offense, the nature of the offense and harm caused to
221 the victim, the applicant's history before and after the
222 offense, and any other evidence or circumstances indicating that
223 the applicant will not present a danger if licensed or
224 certified.

225 (c) The board has discretion whether to grant or deny an
226 exemption under this subsection. The board's decision is subject
227 to chapter 120.

228 (9) The disqualification periods provided in this section
229 will not apply to the renewal of a license or to a new
230 application for licensure if the applicant has an active license
231 as of the effective date of this section, and the applicable
232 criminal history was considered by the Board on the prior
233 approval of any active license(s) held by the applicant. This
234 section does not affect any criminal history disclosure
235 requirements of chapter 497.

236 Section 5. Subsections (9) and (10) of section 497.142,
237 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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238 497.142 Licensing; fingerprinting and criminal background
239 checks.—

240 (9) If any applicant under this chapter has been, ~~within~~
241 ~~the 10 years preceding the application under this chapter,~~
242 convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo
243 contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any crime in any
244 jurisdiction, the application shall not be deemed complete until
245 such time as the applicant provides such certified true copies
246 of the court records evidencing the conviction, finding, or
247 plea, as required in this section or as the licensing authority
248 may by rule require.

249 (10) (a) When applying for any license under this chapter,
250 every applicant must disclose the applicant's criminal records
251 in accordance with this subsection. When applying for renewal of
252 any license under this chapter, every licensee must disclose
253 only those criminal offenses required to be disclosed under this
254 subsection since the most recent renewal of her or his license
255 or, if the license has not been renewed, since the licensee's
256 initial application.

257 (b) The criminal record required to be disclosed shall be
258 any crime listed in paragraph (c) for which the person or entity
259 required to make disclosure has been convicted or to which that
260 person or entity entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
261 Disclosure is required regardless of whether adjudication is
262 entered or withheld by the court.

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263 (c) Crimes to be disclosed are:

264 1. Any felony ~~or misdemeanor~~, no matter when committed,
265 ~~that was directly or indirectly related to or involving any~~
266 ~~aspect of the practice or business of funeral directing,~~
267 ~~embalming, direct disposition, cremation, funeral or cemetery~~
268 ~~preneed sales, funeral establishment operations, cemetery~~
269 ~~operations, or cemetery monument or marker sales or~~
270 ~~installation.~~

271 2. Any misdemeanor, no matter when committed, that was
272 directly or indirectly related to the financial services
273 business as defined in s. 497.1411 ~~Any other felony not already~~
274 ~~disclosed under subparagraph 1. that was committed within the 20~~
275 ~~years immediately preceding the application under this chapter.~~

276 3. Any other misdemeanor not already disclosed under
277 subparagraph 2. ~~subparagraph 1.~~ that was committed within the 5
278 years immediately preceding the application under this chapter.

279 Section 6. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 497.157,
280 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through (7),
281 respectively, new subsections (2), (3) and (8) are added to that
282 section, and present subsection (3) is amended, to read:

283 497.157 Unlicensed practice; remedies concerning
284 violations by unlicensed persons.—

285 (2) A person may not be, act as, or advertise or hold
286 himself or herself out to be a funeral director, embalmer, or

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287 direct disposer, unless he or she is currently licensed by the
288 department.

289 (3) A person may not be, act as, or advertise or hold
290 himself or herself out to be a preneed sales agent unless he or
291 she is currently licensed by the department and appointed by a
292 preneed main licensee for which they are executing preneed
293 contracts.

294 (5)-(3) Where the department determines that an emergency
295 exists regarding any violation of this chapter by any unlicensed
296 person or entity, the department may issue and serve an
297 immediate final order upon such unlicensed person or entity, in
298 accordance with s. 120.569(2) (n). Such an immediate final order
299 may impose such prohibitions and requirements as are reasonably
300 necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and
301 shall be effective when served.

302 (a) For the purpose of enforcing such an immediate final
303 order, the department may file an emergency or other proceeding
304 in the circuit courts of the state seeking enforcement of the
305 immediate final order by injunctive or other order of the court.
306 The court shall issue its injunction or other order enforcing
307 the immediate final order pending administrative resolution of
308 the matter under subsection (4)-(2), unless the court determines
309 that such action would work a manifest injustice under the
310 circumstances. Venue for judicial actions under this paragraph
311 shall be, at the election of the department, in the courts of

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312 Leon County, or in a county where the respondent resides or has
313 a place of business.

314 (b) After serving an immediate final order to cease and
315 desist upon any person or entity, the department shall within 10
316 days issue and serve upon the same person or entity an
317 administrative complaint as set forth in subsection (4) ~~(2)~~,
318 except that, absent order of a court to the contrary, the
319 immediate final order shall be effective throughout the pendency
320 of proceedings under subsection (4) ~~(2)~~.

321 (8) Any person who is not licensed under this chapter and
322 who engages in activity requiring licensure under this chapter
323 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
324 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

325 Section 7. Subsection (6) of section 497.159, Florida
326 Statutes, is amended to read:

327 497.159 Crimes.—

328 ~~(6) Any person who is not licensed under this chapter who~~
329 ~~engages in activity requiring licensure under this chapter,~~
330 ~~commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as~~
331 ~~provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.~~

332 Section 8. Subsection (7) of section 497.459, Florida
333 Statutes, is amended to read:

334 497.459 Cancellation of, or default on, preneed contracts;
335 required notice.—

336 (7) NOTICE TO PURCHASER OR LEGALLY AUTHORIZED PERSON.—

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337 (a) To ensure the performance of unfulfilled preneed
338 contracts, upon the occurrence of the earliest of either any of
339 the following events, a preneed licensee shall provide to the
340 purchaser or to the beneficiary's legally authorized person
341 written notice of the preneed licensee's intent to distribute
342 funds as described herein in accordance with the terms of the
343 preneed contract, if any such terms exist ~~obligation of the~~
344 ~~preneed licensee remains to be fulfilled under the contract:~~

345 1. Fifty years after the date of execution of the preneed
346 contract by the purchaser.

347 2. The beneficiary of the preneed contract attains the age
348 of 105 years of age or older.

349 ~~3. The social security number of the beneficiary of the~~
350 ~~preneed contract, as shown on the contract, is contained within~~
351 ~~the United States Social Security Administration Death Master~~
352 ~~File.~~

353
354 A preneed licensee shall conduct the analysis of its preneed
355 contracts at least every 3 years, which period shall commence
356 upon the first analysis conducted pursuant to this section. The
357 first analysis by a preneed licensee shall occur by July 1 2021.

358 (b)1. The notice in paragraph (a) must be provided by
359 certified mail, registered mail, or permitted delivery service,
360 return receipt requested, to the last known mailing address of
361 the purchaser or the beneficiary's legally authorized person,

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362 whichever is applicable, as provided to the preneed licensee. If
363 the notice is returned as undeliverable within 30 calendar days
364 after the preneed licensee sent the notice, the preneed licensee
365 ~~trustee~~ shall perform a diligent search and inquiry to obtain a
366 different address for the purchaser or the beneficiary's legally
367 authorized person, whichever is applicable. For purposes of this
368 subparagraph, any address known and used by the purchaser or the
369 beneficiary's legally authorized person, whichever is
370 applicable, for sending regular mailings or other communications
371 from the purchaser or the beneficiary's legally authorized
372 person, whichever is applicable, to the preneed licensee or any
373 address produced through a current address service or searchable
374 database shall be included with other addresses produced from
375 the diligent search and inquiry, if any. If the preneed
376 licensee's ~~trustee's~~ diligent search and inquiry produces an
377 address different from the notice address, the preneed licensee
378 ~~trustee~~ shall mail a copy of the notice by certified mail,
379 registered mail, or permitted delivery service, return receipt
380 requested, to any and all addresses produced as a result of the
381 diligent search and inquiry.

382 2. If the purchaser or the beneficiary's legally
383 authorized person, whichever is applicable, fails to respond to
384 such notice within 3 years ~~120 days~~ after delivery of the last
385 mailed notice under subparagraph 1., the funds held in trust
386 ~~must be distributed in accordance with the terms of the preneed~~

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387 ~~contract, the trust agreement, and any applicable provisions of~~
388 ~~chapter 717 shall be distributed as follows within 60 days of~~
389 ~~the end of the 3-year period escribed herein and in accordance~~
390 ~~with any applicable provisions of chapter 717:~~

391 1. The principle deposited into trust shall be remitted to
392 the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund.

393 2. Any additional funds in trust shall be remitted to the
394 preneed licensee.

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396 Upon the occurrence of the distribution from trust, the preneed
397 licensee is absolved of all liability associated with the
398 preneed contract for which funds were distributed, including any
399 obligation to refund any monies paid by a Purchaser of a preneed
400 contract. The names of the Purchaser and Beneficiary of any
401 preneed contract for which funds were distributed shall be
402 provided to the Division of Unclaimed Property at the time such
403 funds are remitted to the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund..

404 (c) Any Purchaser and Beneficiary that receives the notice
405 required under this subsection retain all rights to fulfillment
406 or cancellation of the preneed contract during the time between
407 the issuance of the notice and the distribution described in
408 subparagraph (b)2. Legally authorized persons, in the priority
409 set forth in this chapter, of the purchaser or beneficiary may
410 obtain fulfillment or cancellation of the preneed contract. Such
411 fulfillment may include identifying a new beneficiary on the

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412 preneed contract. A preneed licensee shall provide fulfillment
413 or cancellation of the preneed contract upon the attestation of
414 any one legally authorized person that he or she is not aware of
415 an objection to the requested action by any person in his or her
416 priority class or a higher priority class. In the event that the
417 legally authorized person chooses to identify a new beneficiary
418 on the preneed contract, such preneed contract shall be
419 considered to be effective as of the date of the identification
420 of the new beneficiary. This subsection does not affect a
421 purchaser's rights to cancel the preneed contract and receive a
422 refund or a preneed licensee's obligations to refund established
423 by this chapter.

424 (d) The licensing authority shall have authority to adopt
425 rules for the review and approval of notice forms used by
426 preneed licensees to provide notice under this subsection.

427 Section 9. Subsection (13) of section 552.081, Florida
428 Statutes, is amended to read:

429 552.081 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

430 (13) "Two-component explosives" means any two inert
431 components which, when mixed, become capable of detonation by
432 any detonator ~~a No. 6 blasting cap~~, and shall be classified as a
433 Class "A" explosive when so mixed.

434 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 553.7921, Florida
435 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (3), subsection (1) of

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436 that section is amended, and a new subsection (2) is added to
437 that section, to read:

438 553.7921 Fire alarm permit application to local
439 enforcement agency.—

440 (1) A contractor must file a Uniform Fire Alarm Permit
441 Application as provided in subsection (3) ~~(2)~~ with the local
442 enforcement agency and must receive the fire alarm permit
443 before:

444 ~~(a) installing or replacing a fire alarm if the local~~
445 ~~enforcement agency requires a plan review for the installation~~
446 ~~or replacement; or~~

447 ~~(b) Repairing an existing alarm system that was previously~~
448 ~~permitted by the local enforcement agency if the local~~
449 ~~enforcement agency requires a fire alarm permit for the repair.~~

450 (2) If the local enforcement agency requires a fire alarm
451 permit to repair an existing alarm system that was previously
452 permitted by the local enforcement agency, a contractor may
453 begin work after filing a Uniform Fire Alarm Permit Application
454 as provided in subsection (3). A fire alarm repaired pursuant to
455 this subsection shall not be considered compliant until the
456 required permit has been issued and the local enforcement agency
457 has approved the repair.

458 Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 633.102, Florida
459 Statutes, is amended to read:

460 633.102 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

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461 (3) (a) "Contractor I" means a contractor whose business
462 includes the execution of contracts requiring the ability to lay
463 out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service all
464 types of fire protection systems, excluding preengineered
465 systems.

466 (b) "Contractor II" means a contractor whose business is
467 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to
468 lay out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service
469 water sprinkler systems, water spray systems, foam-water
470 sprinkler systems, foam-water spray systems, standpipes,
471 combination standpipes and sprinkler risers, all piping that is
472 an integral part of the system beginning at the point of service
473 as defined in this section, sprinkler tank heaters, air lines,
474 thermal systems used in connection with sprinklers, and tanks
475 and pumps connected thereto, excluding preengineered systems.

476 (c) "Contractor III" means a contractor whose business is
477 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to
478 fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service carbon
479 dioxide systems, foam extinguishing systems, dry chemical
480 systems, and Halon and other chemical systems, excluding
481 preengineered systems.

482 (d) "Contractor IV" means a contractor whose business is
483 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to
484 lay out, fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service
485 automatic fire sprinkler systems for detached one-family

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486 dwellings, detached two-family dwellings, and mobile homes,
487 excluding preengineered systems and excluding single-family
488 homes in cluster units, such as apartments, condominiums, and
489 assisted living facilities or any building that is connected to
490 other dwellings. A Contractor IV is limited to the scope of
491 practice specified in NFPA 13D.

492 (e) "Contractor V" means a contractor whose business is
493 limited to the execution of contracts requiring the ability to
494 fabricate, install, inspect, alter, repair, and service the
495 underground piping for a fire protection system using water as
496 the extinguishing agent beginning at the point of service as
497 defined in this act and ending no more than 1 foot above the
498 finished floor.

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500 The definitions in this subsection may not be construed to
501 include engineers or architects and do not limit or prohibit a
502 licensed fire protection engineer or architect with fire
503 protection design experience from designing any type of fire
504 protection system. A distinction is made between system design
505 concepts prepared by the design professional and system layout
506 as defined in this section and typically prepared by the
507 contractor. However, a person certified as a Contractor I or
508 Contractor II, ~~or Contractor IV~~ under this chapter may design
509 new fire protection systems of 49 or fewer sprinklers; ~~and~~ may
510 design the alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if

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511 the alteration consists of the ~~relocation, addition, or deletion~~
512 of ~~not more than 49~~ or fewer sprinklers, notwithstanding the
513 size of the existing fire sprinkler system; or may design the
514 alteration of an existing fire sprinkler system if the
515 alteration consists of the relocation or deletion of 249 or
516 fewer sprinklers, notwithstanding the size of the existing fire
517 sprinkler system, if there is no change of occupancy, as defined
518 in the Florida Building Code, of the affected areas and there is
519 no change in the water demand as defined in National Fire
520 Protection Association publication NFPA No. 13 "Standard for the
521 Installation of Sprinkler Systems," and if the occupancy hazard
522 classification as defined in NFPA 13 is reduced or remains the
523 same as a result of the alteration. A person certified as a
524 Contractor I, Contractor II, or Contractor IV may design or
525 alter a fire protection system, the scope of which complies with
526 NFPA 13D, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in
527 One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes, as adopted
528 by the State Fire Marshal, notwithstanding the number of fire
529 sprinklers. Contractor-developed plans may not be required by
530 any local permitting authority to be sealed by a registered
531 professional engineer.

532 Section 12. Section 633.217, Florida Statutes, is created
533 to read:

534 633.217 Influencing a firesafety inspector; prohibited
535 acts.-

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536 (1) A person may not influence a firesafety inspector by:
537 (a) Threatening, coercing, tricking, or attempting to
538 threaten, coerce, or trick, the firesafety inspector into
539 violating any provision of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any
540 rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal, or any provision of this
541 chapter.

542 (b) Offering any compensation to the firesafety inspector
543 to induce a violation of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, any
544 rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal, or any provision of this
545 chapter.

546 (2) A firesafety inspector may not knowingly and willfully
547 accept an attempt by a person to influence the firesafety
548 inspector into violating any provision of the Florida Fire
549 Prevention Code, any rule adopted by the State Fire Marshal, or
550 any provision of this chapter.

551 Section 13. Paragraphs (d), (g), and (h) of subsection (4)
552 of section 633.304, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

553 633.304 Fire suppression equipment; license to install or
554 maintain.—

555 (4)

556 (d) A license of any class may not be issued or renewed by
557 the division and a license of any class does not remain
558 operative unless:

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559 1. The applicant has submitted to the State Fire Marshal
560 evidence of registration as a Florida corporation or evidence of
561 compliance with s. 865.09.

562 2. The State Fire Marshal or his or her designee has by
563 inspection determined that the applicant possesses the equipment
564 required for the class of license sought. The State Fire Marshal
565 shall give an applicant a reasonable opportunity to correct any
566 deficiencies discovered by inspection. To obtain such
567 inspection, an applicant with facilities located outside this
568 state must:

569 a. Provide a notarized statement from a professional
570 engineer licensed by the applicant's state of domicile
571 certifying that the applicant possesses the equipment required
572 for the class of license sought and that all such equipment is
573 operable; or

574 b. Allow the State Fire Marshal or her or his designee to
575 inspect the facility. All costs associated with the State Fire
576 Marshal's inspection must be paid by the applicant. The State
577 Fire Marshal, in accordance with s. 120.54, may adopt rules to
578 establish standards for the calculation and establishment of the
579 amount of costs associated with any inspection conducted by the
580 State Fire Marshal under this section. Such rules must include
581 procedures for invoicing and receiving funds in advance of the
582 inspection.

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583 3. The applicant has submitted to the State Fire Marshal
584 proof of insurance providing coverage for comprehensive general
585 liability for bodily injury and property damage, products
586 liability, completed operations, and contractual liability. The
587 State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules providing for the amounts
588 of such coverage, but such amounts may not be less than \$300,000
589 for Class A or Class D licenses, \$200,000 for Class B licenses,
590 and \$100,000 for Class C licenses; and the total coverage for
591 any class of license held in conjunction with a Class D license
592 may not be less than \$300,000. The State Fire Marshal may, at
593 any time after the issuance of a license or its renewal, require
594 upon demand, and in no event more than 30 days after notice of
595 such demand, the licensee to provide proof of insurance, on the
596 insurer's form, containing confirmation of insurance coverage as
597 required by this chapter. Failure, for any length of time, to
598 provide proof of insurance coverage as required must result in
599 the immediate suspension of the license until proof of proper
600 insurance is provided to the State Fire Marshal. An insurer that
601 provides such coverage shall notify the State Fire Marshal of
602 any change in coverage or of any termination, cancellation, or
603 nonrenewal of any coverage.

604 4. The applicant applies to the State Fire Marshal,
605 provides proof of experience, and successfully completes a
606 prescribed training course that includes both written and
607 practical training offered at ~~by~~ the State Fire College and ~~or~~

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608 ~~an equivalent course~~ approved by the State Fire Marshal as
609 applicable to the class of license being sought. This
610 subparagraph does not apply to any holder of or applicant for a
611 permit under paragraph (g) or to a business organization or a
612 governmental entity seeking initial licensure or renewal of an
613 existing license solely for the purpose of inspecting,
614 servicing, repairing, marking, recharging, and maintaining fire
615 extinguishers used and located on the premises of and owned by
616 such organization or entity.

617 5. The applicant has a current retestor identification
618 number that is appropriate for the license for which the
619 applicant is applying and that is listed with the United States
620 Department of Transportation.

621 6. The applicant has passed, with a grade of at least 70
622 percent, a written examination testing his or her knowledge of
623 the rules and statutes governing the activities authorized by
624 the license and demonstrating his or her knowledge and ability
625 to perform those tasks in a competent, lawful, and safe manner.
626 Such examination must be developed and administered by the State
627 Fire Marshal, or his or her designee in accordance with policies
628 and procedures of the State Fire Marshal. An applicant shall pay
629 a nonrefundable examination fee of \$50 for each examination or
630 reexamination scheduled. A reexamination may not be scheduled
631 sooner than 30 days after any administration of an examination
632 to an applicant. An applicant may not be permitted to take an

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633 examination for any level of license more than a total of four
634 times during 1 year, regardless of the number of applications
635 submitted. As a prerequisite to licensure of the applicant, he
636 or she:

637 a. Must be at least 18 years of age.

638 b. Must have 4 years of proven experience as a fire
639 equipment permittee at a level equal to or greater than the
640 level of license applied for or have a combination of education
641 and experience determined to be equivalent thereto by the State
642 Fire Marshal. Having held a permit at the appropriate level for
643 the required period constitutes the required experience.

644 c. Must not have been convicted of a felony or a crime
645 punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more under the law of
646 the United States or of any state thereof or under the law of
647 any other country. "Convicted" means a finding of guilt or the
648 acceptance of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere in any federal
649 or state court or a court in any other country, without regard
650 to whether a judgment of conviction has been entered by the
651 court having jurisdiction of the case. If an applicant has been
652 convicted of any such felony, the applicant is excluded from
653 licensure for a period of 4 years after expiration of sentence
654 or final release by the Florida Commission on Offender Review
655 unless the applicant, before the expiration of the 4-year
656 period, has received a full pardon or has had her or his civil
657 rights restored.

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659 This subparagraph does not apply to any holder of or applicant
660 for a permit under paragraph (g) or to a business organization
661 or a governmental entity seeking initial licensure or renewal of
662 an existing license solely for the purpose of inspecting,
663 servicing, repairing, marking, recharging, hydrotesting, and
664 maintaining fire extinguishers used and located on the premises
665 of and owned by such organization or entity.

666 (g) A permit of any class may not be issued or renewed to
667 a person by the division, and a permit of any class does not
668 remain operative, unless the person has:

669 1. Submitted a nonrefundable examination fee in the amount
670 of \$50.

671 2. Successfully completed a training course that includes
672 both written and practical training offered at ~~by~~ the State Fire
673 College and ~~or an equivalent course~~ approved by the State Fire
674 Marshal as applicable to the class of license being sought.

675 3. Passed, with a grade of at least 70 percent, a written
676 examination testing his or her knowledge of the rules and
677 statutes governing the activities authorized by the permit and
678 demonstrating his or her knowledge and ability to perform those
679 tasks in a competent, lawful, and safe manner. Such examination
680 must be developed and administered by the State Fire Marshal in
681 accordance with the policies and procedures of the State Fire
682 Marshal. An examination fee must be paid for each examination

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683 | scheduled. A reexamination may not be scheduled sooner than 30
684 | days after any administration of an examination to an applicant.
685 | An applicant may not be permitted to take an examination for any
686 | level of permit more than four times during 1 year, regardless
687 | of the number of applications submitted. As a prerequisite to
688 | taking the permit examination, the applicant must be at least 16
689 | years of age.

690 | (h) An applicant for a license or permit under this
691 | section who fails the examination may take it three more times
692 | during the 1-year period after he or she originally filed an
693 | application for the examination. If the applicant fails the
694 | examination within 1 year after the application date and he or
695 | she seeks to retake the examination, he or she must file a new
696 | application, pay the application and examination fees, and
697 | successfully complete a prescribed training course that includes
698 | both written and practical training offered at ~~by~~ the State Fire
699 | College and ~~or an equivalent~~ course approved by the State Fire
700 | Marshal as applicable to the class of license being sought. The
701 | applicant may not submit a new application within 6 months after
702 | the date of his or her fourth reexamination. An applicant who
703 | passes the examination but does not meet the remaining
704 | qualifications prescribed by law and rule within 1 year after
705 | the application date must file a new application, pay the
706 | application and examination fee, successfully complete a
707 | prescribed training course that includes both written and

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708 practical training offered at approved by the State Fire College
709 and or an equivalent course approved by the State Fire Marshal
710 as applicable to the class of license being sought, and pass the
711 written examination.

712 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 633.416, Florida
713 Statutes, is amended to read:

714 633.416 Firefighter employment and volunteer firefighter
715 service; saving clause.—

716 (1) A fire service provider may not employ an individual
717 to:

718 (a) Extinguish fires for the protection of life or
719 property or to supervise individuals who perform such services
720 unless the individual holds a current and valid Firefighter
721 Certificate of Compliance. However, a person who is currently
722 serving as a volunteer firefighter and holds a volunteer
723 firefighter certificate of completion with a fire service
724 provider, who is then employed as a regular or permanent
725 firefighter, by such fire service provider, may function, for a
726 period of 1 year under the direct supervision of an individual
727 holding a valid firefighter certificate of compliance, in the
728 same capacity in which he or she acted as a volunteer
729 firefighter, provided that he or she has completed all training
730 required by the volunteer organization. Under no circumstance
731 can this period extend beyond 1 year either collectively or

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732 consecutively from the start of employment to obtain a
733 Firefighter Certificate of Compliance; or

734 (b) Serve as the administrative and command head of a fire
735 service provider for a period in excess of 1 year unless the
736 individual holds a current and valid Firefighter Certificate of
737 Compliance or Special Certificate of Compliance.

738 Section 15. Section 843.08, Florida Statutes, is amended
739 to read:

740 843.08 False personation.—A person who falsely assumes or
741 pretends to be a firefighter, a sheriff, an officer of the
742 Florida Highway Patrol, an officer of the Fish and Wildlife
743 Conservation Commission, an officer of the Department of
744 Environmental Protection, ~~a fire or arson investigator of the~~
745 ~~Department of Financial Services,~~ an officer of the Department
746 of Financial Services, or any personnel or representative of the
747 Division of Investigative and Forensic Services, an officer of
748 the Department of Corrections, a correctional probation officer,
749 a deputy sheriff, a state attorney or an assistant state
750 attorney, a statewide prosecutor or an assistant statewide
751 prosecutor, a state attorney investigator, a coroner, a police
752 officer, a lottery special agent or lottery investigator, a
753 beverage enforcement agent, a school guardian as described in s.
754 30.15(1)(k), a security officer licensed under chapter 493, any
755 member of the Florida Commission on Offender Review or any
756 administrative aide or supervisor employed by the commission,

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757 any personnel or representative of the Department of Law
758 Enforcement, or a federal law enforcement officer as defined in
759 s. 901.1505, and takes upon himself or herself to act as such,
760 or to require any other person to aid or assist him or her in a
761 matter pertaining to the duty of any such officer, commits a
762 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
763 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who
764 falsely personates any such officer during the course of the
765 commission of a felony commits a felony of the second degree,
766 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
767 If the commission of the felony results in the death or personal
768 injury of another human being, the person commits a felony of
769 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
770 775.083, or s. 775.084.

771 Section 16. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (11) of
772 section 943.045, Florida Statutes, to read:

773 943.045 Definitions; ss. 943.045-943.08.—The following
774 words and phrases as used in ss. 943.045-943.08 shall have the
775 following meanings:

776 (11) "Criminal justice agency" means:

777 (f) The investigations component of the Department of
778 Financial Services, which investigates the crimes of fraud and
779 official misconduct in all public assistance given to residents
780 of the state or provided to others by the state.

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781 Section 17. Effective January 1, 2021, subsection (3) of
782 section 626.2815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

783 626.2815 Continuing education requirements.—

784 (3) Each licensee except a title insurance agent must
785 complete a 4-hour ~~5-hour~~ update course every 2 years which is
786 specific to the license held by the licensee. The course must be
787 developed and offered by providers and approved by the
788 department. The content of the course must address all lines of
789 insurance for which examination and licensure are required and
790 include the following subject areas: insurance law updates,
791 ethics for insurance professionals, disciplinary trends and case
792 studies, industry trends, premium discounts, determining
793 suitability of products and services, and other similar
794 insurance-related topics the department determines are relevant
795 to legally and ethically carrying out the responsibilities of
796 the license granted. A licensee who holds multiple insurance
797 licenses must complete an update course that is specific to at
798 least one of the licenses held. Except as otherwise specified,
799 any remaining required hours of continuing education are
800 elective and may consist of any continuing education course
801 approved by the department under this section.

802 (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e),
803 (i), and (j), each licensee must also complete 20 ~~19~~ hours of
804 elective continuing education courses every 2 years.

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805 (b) A licensee who has been licensed for 6 or more years
806 must also complete a minimum of 16 ~~15~~ hours of elective
807 continuing education every 2 years.

808 (c) A licensee who has been licensed for 25 years or more
809 and is a CLU or a CPCU or has a Bachelor of Science degree in
810 risk management or insurance with evidence of 18 or more
811 semester hours in insurance-related courses must also complete a
812 minimum of 5 hours of elective continuing education courses
813 every 2 years.

814 (d) An individual who holds a license as a customer
815 representative and who is not a licensed life or health agent
816 must also complete a minimum of 6 ~~5~~ hours of continuing
817 education courses every 2 years.

818 (e) An individual subject to chapter 648 must complete the
819 4-hour ~~5-hour~~ update course and a minimum of 10 ~~9~~ hours of
820 elective continuing education courses every 2 years.

821 (f) Elective continuing education courses for public
822 adjusters must be specifically designed for public adjusters and
823 approved by the department. Notwithstanding this subsection,
824 public adjusters for workers' compensation insurance or health
825 insurance are not required to take continuing education courses
826 pursuant to this section.

827 (g) Excess hours accumulated during any 2-year compliance
828 period may be carried forward to the next compliance period.

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829 (h) An individual teaching an approved course of
830 instruction or lecturing at any approved seminar and attending
831 the entire course or seminar qualifies for the same number of
832 classroom hours as would be granted to a person taking and
833 successfully completing such course or seminar. Credit is
834 limited to the number of hours actually taught unless a person
835 attends the entire course or seminar. An individual who is an
836 official of or employed by a governmental entity in this state
837 and serves as a professor, instructor, or in another position or
838 office, the duties and responsibilities of which are determined
839 by the department to require monitoring and review of insurance
840 laws or insurance regulations and practices, is exempt from this
841 section.

842 (i) For compliance periods beginning on or after October
843 1, 2014, any person who holds a license as a title insurance
844 agent must complete a minimum of 10 hours of continuing
845 education credit every 2 years in title insurance and escrow
846 management specific to this state and approved by the
847 department, which shall include at least 3 hours of continuing
848 education on the subject matter of ethics, rules, or compliance
849 with state and federal regulations relating specifically to
850 title insurance and closing services.

851 (j) For a licensee who is an active participant in an
852 association, 2 hours of elective continuing education credit per

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853 calendar year may be approved by the department, if properly
854 reported by the association.

855 Section 18. Section 40 of chapter 2019-140, Laws of
856 Florida, is amended to read:

857 Section 40. (1) The Legislature finds that:

858 (a) Blockchain technology and distributed ledger
859 technology allow the secure recording of transactions through
860 cryptographic algorithms and distributed record sharing, and
861 such technology has reached a point where the opportunities for
862 efficiency, cost savings, and cybersecurity deserve study.

863 (b) Blockchain technology is a promising way to facilitate
864 more efficient government service delivery models and economies
865 of scale, including facilitating safe paperless transactions and
866 recordkeeping that are nearly impervious to cyberattacks and
867 data destruction.

868 (c) Blockchain technology can reduce the prevalence of
869 disparate government computer systems, databases, and custom-
870 built software interfaces; reduce costs associated with
871 maintenance and implementation; streamline information sharing;
872 and allow more areas of the state to electronically participate
873 in government services.

874 (d) Nations, other states, and municipalities across the
875 world are studying and implementing governmental reforms that
876 bolster trust and reduce bureaucracy through verifiable open
877 source blockchain technology in a variety of areas, including,

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878 but not limited to, medical and health records, land records,
879 banking, tax and fee payments, smart contracts, professional
880 accrediting, and property auctions.

881 (e) It is in the public interest to establish a Florida
882 Financial Technology and Blockchain Task Force comprised of
883 government and industry representatives to study the ways in
884 which state, county, and municipal governments can benefit from
885 a transition to a blockchain-based system for recordkeeping,
886 security, and service delivery and to develop and submit
887 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning
888 the potential for implementation of blockchain-based systems
889 that promote government efficiencies, better services for
890 citizens, economic development, and safer cyber-secure
891 interaction between government and the public.

892 (2) The Florida Financial Technology and Blockchain Task
893 Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is
894 established within the Department of Financial Services to
895 explore and develop a master plan for fostering the expansion of
896 financial technology and the blockchain industry in the state,
897 to recommend policies and state investments to help make this
898 state a leader in financial and blockchain technologies
899 ~~technology~~, and to issue a report to the Governor and the
900 Legislature. The task force shall study if and how state,
901 county, and municipal governments can benefit from a transition
902 to a blockchain-based system for recordkeeping, data security,

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903 financial transactions, and service delivery and identify ways
904 to improve government interaction with businesses and the
905 public. The task force shall also consider financial technology
906 innovations related to money transmitters and payment instrument
907 sellers, as defined in s. 560.103, Florida Statutes, including
908 mediums of exchange that are in electronic or digital form, and
909 identify new products and services that could lead to business
910 growth in the state.

911 (a) The master plan shall:

912 1. Identify the economic growth and development
913 opportunities presented by financial and blockchain technologies
914 technology.

915 2. Assess the existing blockchain industry in the state.

916 3. Identify innovative and successful blockchain
917 applications currently used by industry and other governments to
918 determine viability for state applications.

919 4. Review workforce needs and academic programs required
920 to build blockchain technology expertise across all relevant
921 industries.

922 5. Make recommendations to the Governor and the
923 Legislature that will promote innovation and economic growth by
924 reducing barriers to and expediting the expansion of the state's
925 financial technology and blockchain industries ~~industry.~~

926 (b) The task force shall consist of 13 members. Membership
927 shall be as follows:

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

930 2. Four members of the public or private sector with
931 knowledge and experience in blockchain technology, appointed by
932 the Governor.

933 3. Three members from the public or private sector with
934 knowledge and experience in blockchain technology, appointed by
935 the Chief Financial Officer.

936 4. One member from the private sector with knowledge and
937 experience in blockchain technology, appointed by the President
938 of the Senate.

939 5. One member from the private sector with knowledge and
940 experience in blockchain technology, appointed by the Speaker of
941 the House of Representatives.

942 6. One certified public accountant licensed pursuant to
943 chapter 473 with knowledge and experience in blockchain
944 technology, appointed by the Governor.

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946 Members of the task force shall reflect the ethnic diversity of
947 the state.

948 (c) Within 90 days after the effective date of this act, a
949 majority of the members of the task force must be appointed and
950 the task force shall hold its first meeting. The task force
951 shall elect one of its members to serve as chair. Members of the
952 task force shall serve for the duration of the existence of the

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953 task force. Any vacancy that occurs shall be filled in the same
954 manner as the original appointment. Task force members shall
955 serve without compensation, and are not entitled to
956 reimbursement for per diem or travel expenses.

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

959 1. Opportunities and risks associated with using
960 blockchain and distributed ledger technology for state and local
961 governments.

962 2. Different types of blockchains, both public and
963 private, and different consensus algorithms.

964 3. Projects and cases currently under development in other
965 states and local governments, and how these cases could be
966 applied in this state.

967 4. Ways the Legislature can modify general law to support
968 secure paperless recordkeeping, increase cybersecurity, improve
969 interactions with citizens, and encourage blockchain innovation
970 for businesses in the state.

971 5. Identifying potential economic incentives for companies
972 investing in blockchain technologies in collaboration with the
973 state.

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

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977 7. Identifying the technical skills necessary to develop
978 blockchain technology and ensuring that instruction in such
979 skills is available at secondary and postsecondary educational
980 institutions in this state.

981 (3) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor,
982 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
983 Representatives and present its findings to the appropriate
984 legislative committees in each house of the Legislature by
985 January 31, 2021 ~~within 180 days after the initial meeting of~~
986 ~~the task force~~. The report must include:

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

989 (b) Recommendations concerning the feasibility of
990 implementing blockchain technology in the state and the best
991 approach to finance the cost of implementation.

992 (c) Recommendations for specific implementations to be
993 developed by relevant state agencies.

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

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

998 (f) Any other information deemed relevant by the task
999 force.

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1000 (4) The task force is entitled to the assistance and
1001 services of any state agency, board, bureau, or commission as
1002 necessary and available for the purposes of this section.

1003 (5) The Department of Financial Services shall provide
1004 support staff for the task force and any relevant studies, data,
1005 and materials in its possession to assist the task force in the
1006 performance of its duties.

1007 (6) The task force shall terminate upon submission of the
1008 report and the presentation of findings.

1009 (7) This section shall take effect upon this act becoming
1010 a law.

1011 Section 19. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
1012 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
1013 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
1014 2020.

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

1017 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
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1020 A bill to be entitled
1021 An act relating to the Department of Financial
1022 Services; amending s. 20.121, F.S.; specifying powers
1023 and duties of the Division of Public Assistance Fraud;
1024 creating s. 284.45, F.S.; prohibiting individuals

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1025 working for an entity covered by the State Risk
1026 Management Trust Fund from engaging in retaliatory
1027 conduct against a sexual harassment victim; defining
1028 the term "sexual harassment victim"; prohibiting the
1029 release of personal identifying information of sexual
1030 harassment victims; providing criminal penalties;
1031 amending s. 497.101, F.S.; revising provisions
1032 relating to membership of the Board of Funeral,
1033 Cemetery, and Consumer Services; creating s. 497.1411,
1034 F.S.; providing definitions; providing for permanent
1035 disqualification of applicants for licensure under ch.
1036 497, F.S., upon conviction of certain offenses;
1037 providing for disqualifying periods for such
1038 applicants who have been convicted of certain
1039 offenses; requiring rulemaking; providing for
1040 calculation of disqualifying periods; providing for
1041 applicants to show rehabilitation after completion of
1042 a disqualifying period; providing for the effect of a
1043 pardon or clemency; providing for exemptions from
1044 disqualification in certain circumstances; providing
1045 procedures for consideration of applications for such
1046 exemptions; amending s. 497.142, F.S.; revising
1047 provisions relating to criminal background checks for
1048 applicants under ch. 497, F.S.; amending s. 497.157,
1049 F.S.; prohibiting persons from acting as or

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1050 advertising themselves as being certain persons unless
1051 they are so licensed; prohibiting persons from
1052 engaging in certain activities requiring licensure
1053 without holding required licenses; providing criminal
1054 penalties; amending s. 497.159, F.S.; deleting
1055 provisions relating to criminal penalties for persons
1056 engaging in activities requiring a license under ch.
1057 497, F.S.; amending s. 497.459, F.S.; revises
1058 provisions concerning notice to purchasers of preneed
1059 contracts; amending s. 552.081, F.S.; revising the
1060 definition of two-component explosives for the purpose
1061 of regulation by the Division of State Fire Marshal;
1062 amending s. 553.7921, F.S.; revising requirements for
1063 repair of an existing alarm system that was previously
1064 permitted by a local enforcement agency; s. 633.102,
1065 F.S.; amending s. 633.102, F.S.; revising provisions
1066 concerning licensure for design, installation, and
1067 alteration of fire sprinklers; creating s. 633.217,
1068 F.S.; prohibiting certain actions to influence a
1069 firesafety inspector into violating certain
1070 provisions; prohibiting a firesafety inspector from
1071 knowingly and willfully accepting an attempt to
1072 influence the firesafety inspector into violating
1073 certain provisions; amending s. 633.304, F.S.;

1074 specifying that training courses offered by the State

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1075 Fire College must include a written and a practical
1076 element and be approved by the State Fire Marshal;
1077 amending s. 633.416, F.S.; providing that certain
1078 persons serving as volunteer firefighters may serve as
1079 a regular or permanent firefighter for a limited
1080 period subject to certain restrictions; amending s.
1081 843.08, F.S.; prohibiting false personation of
1082 personnel or representatives of the Division of
1083 Investigative and Forensic Services; providing
1084 criminal penalties; amending s. 943.045, F.S.;
1085 providing the investigations component of the
1086 Department of Financial Services is a criminal justice
1087 agency for specified purposes; amending s. 626.2815,
1088 F.S.; revising continuing education requirements for
1089 title insurance agents; renaming the Florida
1090 Blockchain Task Force as the Florida Financial
1091 Technology and Blockchain Task Force; revising the
1092 duties of the task force; revising the date of a
1093 report; providing effective dates.

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