

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Department of Citrus; creating
3 s. 601.041, F.S.; establishing the Friends of Florida
4 Citrus Program within the Department of Citrus;
5 providing the purpose of the program; providing duties
6 of the department; authorizing the program to receive
7 certain funds; requiring such funds to be deposited
8 into the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund;
9 creating the Friends of Florida Citrus Advisory
10 Council adjunct to the department; providing for
11 council membership and duties; amending s. 601.10,
12 F.S.; authorizing the Department of Citrus to loan or
13 share department employees with specified state and
14 federal entities; authorizing the department to enter
15 into agreements with such entities; providing that
16 agreements are subject to prior approval by the
17 department; deleting provisions setting out the
18 required work schedule for the department; providing
19 an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Section 601.041, Florida Statutes, is created
24 to read:

25 601.041 The Friends of Florida Citrus Program; advisory

26 council.—

27 (1) The Friends of Florida Citrus Program is established
 28 within the department to provide support and assistance for
 29 existing and future programs within the department.

30 (a) Through the program, the department shall:

31 1. Conduct programs and activities related to the
 32 protection and enhancement of the quality and reputation of
 33 Florida citrus fruit and the canned and concentrated products
 34 thereof in domestic and foreign markets.

35 2. Identify and pursue methods to provide resources and
 36 materials for the programs.

37 3. Research methods to integrate the resources and
 38 materials identified pursuant to subparagraph 2.

39 (b) The department may receive donations from private
 40 corporations to support the program. The department shall
 41 deposit donations to the program into the Florida Citrus
 42 Advertising Trust Fund, as established in s. 601.15(7), and such
 43 donations are exempt from s. 601.15(7) (a).

44 (2) The Friends of Florida Citrus Advisory Council, an
 45 advisory council as defined in s. 20.03(7), is established
 46 adjunct to the department. The advisory council shall advise and
 47 provide recommendations to the commission regarding the use of
 48 any funds received for the Friends of Florida Citrus Program.
 49 The advisory council shall operate in a manner consistent with
 50 s. 20.052 and shall consist of the following members, appointed

51 by the chair of the commission annually upon the concurrence of
 52 the commission:

53 (a) One member of the commission.

54 (b) One member recommended by a consortium of citrus
 55 processors in the state.

56 (c) One member recommended by the statewide voluntary
 57 Florida citrus growers association with the highest membership.

58 (d) Two at large members, at the discretion of the
 59 commission.

60 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 601.10, Florida
 61 Statutes, is amended to read:

62 601.10 Powers of the Department of Citrus.—The department
 63 shall have and shall exercise such general and specific powers
 64 as are delegated to it by this chapter and other statutes of the
 65 state, which powers shall include, but are not limited to, the
 66 following:

67 (3)~~(a)~~ To pay, or participate in the payment of, premiums
 68 for health, accident, and life insurance for its full-time
 69 employees, pursuant to such rules as the department may adopt,
 70 in addition to the regular salaries of such full-time employees.

71 (a) The payment of such or similar benefits to its
 72 employees in foreign countries, including, but not limited to,
 73 social security, retirement, and other similar fringe benefit
 74 costs, may be in accordance with laws in effect in the country
 75 of employment, except that no benefits will be payable to

76 employees not authorized for other state employees, as provided
77 in the Career Service System.

78 (b) The department may loan or share department employees
79 with other state and federal agencies, state universities, or
80 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for
81 marketing and promotion orders authorized under the authority of
82 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or its
83 direct support organizations or for orders adopted under the
84 authority of the United States Secretary of Agriculture. The
85 department may enter into agreements with such entity or
86 entities under terms and conditions as will benefit the state,
87 if the agency or entity to which the employee is loaned or
88 shared reimburses the state for all pay and benefits of the
89 employee, not including a service fee for administration. If the
90 entity directly pays the loaned or shared employee his or her
91 salary and benefits, if applicable, an agreement with the
92 department is not necessary and the employee may work part-time
93 with the department under terms and conditions mutually agreed
94 between the department and the employee. All arrangements made
95 pursuant to this paragraph are subject to prior approval by the
96 department ~~Subject to all applicable rules adopted by the~~
97 ~~Department of Management Services, the department shall be~~
98 ~~staffed 5 days per week, 40 hours per week, as necessary to~~
99 ~~accommodate industry inquiries. However, the executive director,~~
100 ~~with the commission's approval, may establish alternative~~

101 | ~~schedules for individual department employees to ensure maximum~~
102 | ~~efficiencies.~~

103 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.