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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
(Gruters) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 54 - 173

and insert:

Section 2. Section 15.182, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

15.182 International travel by state-funded musical,  
cultural, or artistic organizations; notification to the  
Department of State Economic Opportunity.—

(1) If a musical, cultural, or artistic organization that



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11 receives state funding is traveling internationally for a  
12 presentation, performance, or other significant public viewing,  
13 including an organization associated with a college or  
14 university, such organization shall notify the Department of  
15 State Economic Opportunity in writing of its intentions to  
16 travel, together with the date, time, and location of each  
17 appearance. The notice shall be provided to the department at  
18 least 30 days prior to the date the international travel is to  
19 commence or, when an intention to travel internationally is not  
20 formed at least 30 days in advance of the date the travel is to  
21 commence, as soon as feasible after forming such travel  
22 intention. The department shall take an active role in informing  
23 such artistic organizations of the responsibility to provide  
24 notice of international travel intentions.

25 (2) The Department of State Economic Opportunity, in  
26 conjunction with the Department of Economic Opportunity and  
27 Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall act as an intermediary between  
28 performing musical, cultural, and artistic organizations and  
29 Florida businesses to encourage and coordinate joint  
30 undertakings. Such coordination may include, but is not limited  
31 to, encouraging business and industry to sponsor cultural  
32 events, assistance with travel of such organizations, and  
33 coordinating travel schedules of cultural performance groups and  
34 international trade missions.

35 ~~(3) An organization shall provide the notification to the~~  
36 ~~Department of State required by this section at least 30 days~~  
37 ~~before the date the international travel is to commence or, when~~  
38 ~~an intention to travel internationally is not formed at least 30~~  
39 ~~days in advance of the date the travel is to commence, as soon~~



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40 ~~as feasible after forming such travel intention. The Department~~  
41 ~~of State shall take an active role in informing such groups of~~  
42 ~~the responsibility to notify the department of travel~~  
43 ~~intentions.~~

44 Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) and  
45 subsection (3) of section 288.816, Florida Statutes, are amended  
46 to read:

47 288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

48 (2) The state protocol officer shall be responsible for all  
49 consular relations between the state and all foreign governments  
50 doing business in Florida. The state protocol officer shall  
51 monitor United States laws and directives to ensure that all  
52 federal treaties regarding foreign privileges and immunities are  
53 properly observed. The state protocol officer shall:

54 ~~(c) Issue certificates to such foreign governmental~~  
55 ~~officials after verification pursuant to proper investigations~~  
56 ~~through United States Department of State sources and the~~  
57 ~~appropriate foreign government.~~

58 ~~(d) Verify entitlement to sales and use tax exemptions~~  
59 ~~pursuant to United States Department of State guidelines and~~  
60 ~~identification methods.~~

61 (3) The state protocol officer may ~~shall operate the sister~~  
62 ~~city and sister state program and establish such new programs as~~  
63 ~~needed to further global understanding through the interchange~~  
64 ~~of people, ideas, and culture between Florida and the world. To~~  
65 ~~accomplish this purpose, the state protocol officer shall have~~  
66 ~~the power and authority to:~~

67 (a) Coordinate and carry out activities designed to  
68 encourage the state and its subdivisions to participate in



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69 sister city and sister state affiliations with foreign countries  
70 and their subdivisions. Such activities may include a State of  
71 Florida sister cities conference.

72 (b) Encourage cooperation with and disseminate information  
73 pertaining to the Sister Cities International Program and any  
74 other program whose object is to promote linkages with foreign  
75 countries and their subdivisions.

76 (c) Maximize any aid available from all levels of  
77 government, public and private agencies, and other entities to  
78 facilitate such activities.

79 ~~(d) Establish a viable system of registration for sister  
80 city and sister state affiliations between the state and foreign  
81 countries and their subdivisions. Such system shall include a  
82 method to determine that sufficient ties are properly  
83 established as well as a method to supervise how these ties are  
84 maintained.~~

85 ~~(e) Maintain a current and accurate listing of all such  
86 affiliations. Sister city affiliations shall not be discouraged  
87 between the state and any country specified in s. 620(f)(1) of  
88 the federal Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, with  
89 whom the United States is currently conducting diplomatic  
90 relations unless a mandate from the United States Government  
91 expressly prohibits such affiliations.~~

92 Section 4. Section 288.8165, Florida Statutes, is created  
93 to read:

94 288.8165 Citizen support organizations.—

95 (1) CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS.—The Department of State  
96 may authorize the establishment of citizen support organizations  
97 to provide assistance, funding, and promotional support for the



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98 intergovernmental programs of the department. For the purposes  
99 of this section, a "citizen support organization" means an  
100 organization which:

101 (a) Is a Florida corporation not for profit incorporated  
102 under chapter 617 and approved by the Department of State.

103 (b) Is organized and operated to conduct programs and  
104 activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and  
105 bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and  
106 administer, in its own name, securities, funds, or real or  
107 personal property; and make expenditures for the benefit of the  
108 intergovernmental programs of the department; except that such  
109 organization may not receive funds from the department by grant  
110 or gift unless specifically authorized by the Legislature. If  
111 the citizen support organization by contract provides fiscal and  
112 administrative services to the department for a grant or program  
113 that benefits the intergovernmental programs of the department,  
114 the organization may be reimbursed or compensated for such  
115 services by the department if the services are a direct benefit  
116 to the intergovernmental programs of the department.

117 (c) The department has determined to be consistent with the  
118 goals of the intergovernmental programs of the department and in  
119 the best interests of the state.

120 (d) Is approved in writing by the department to operate for  
121 the benefit of the intergovernmental programs of the department.  
122 Such approval must be stated in a letter of agreement from the  
123 Secretary of State.

124 (2) USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND PROPERTY.—

125 (a) The department may permit a citizen support  
126 organization to use department property, facilities, and



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127 personnel free of charge. A citizen support organization may use  
128 department property, facilities, and personnel if such use is  
129 consistent with the approved purpose of that citizen support  
130 organization and if such use does not unreasonably interfere  
131 with the general public's use of department property,  
132 facilities, and personnel for established purposes.

133 (b) The department may prescribe conditions upon the use by  
134 a citizen support organization of department property,  
135 facilities, or personnel.

136 (c) The department may not permit the use of any property,  
137 facilities, or personnel of the state by a citizen support  
138 organization that does not provide equal membership and  
139 employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race,  
140 color, national origin, religion, sex, or age.

141 (3) ANNUAL AUDIT.—Each citizen support organization shall  
142 provide for an annual financial audit in accordance with s.  
143 215.981.

144 (4) FUTURE REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1,  
145 2025, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

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

148 And the title is amended as follows:

149 Delete lines 16 - 21

150 and insert:

151 creating s. 288.8165; authorizing the Department of  
152 State to support the establishment of citizen support  
153 organizations for certain purposes; defining the term  
154 "citizen support organization"; prohibiting the  
155 department from allowing a