

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Albritton

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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 a purpose of the program; providing duties
6 of the department; authorizing the program to receive
7 certain funds; requiring funds to be deposited into
8 the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund; creating
9 the Friends of Florida Citrus Advisory Council adjunct
10 to the department; providing for the membership and
11 duties of the advisory council; amending s. 601.10,
12 F.S.; authorizing the Department of Citrus to loan
13 department employees to or share department employees
14 with specified state and federal entities; authorizing
15 the department to enter into agreements with such
16 entities; providing that agreements are subject to
17 prior approval by the department; requiring the loans
18 and agreements to comply with certain provisions
19 governing the intergovernmental interchange of public
20 employees; deleting provisions setting out the
21 required work schedule for the department; providing
22 an effective date.

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

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26 Section 1. Section 601.041, Florida Statutes, is created to
27 read:

28 601.041 The Friends of Florida Citrus Program; advisory
29 council.-

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

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

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

38 2. Identify and pursue methods to provide resources and
39 materials for the programs.

40 3. Research methods to integrate the resources and
41 materials identified pursuant to subparagraph 2.

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

47 (2) The Friends of Florida Citrus Advisory Council, an
48 advisory council as defined in s. 20.03(7), is established
49 adjunct to the department. The advisory council shall advise and
50 provide recommendations to the commission regarding the use of
51 any funds received for the Friends of Florida Citrus Program.
52 The advisory council shall operate in a manner consistent with
53 s. 20.052 and members shall be appointed by the commission.
54 Initially, the commission shall appoint two members to a term of
55 4 years, one member to a term of 3 years, one member to a term
56 of 2 years, and one member to a term of 1 year. Thereafter,
57 members shall be appointed for 4-year terms. The council shall
58 consist of the following members:

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59 (a) One member of the commission.

60 (b) One member recommended by the Florida Citrus Processors
61 Association.

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

64 (d) Two at-large members, at the discretion of the
65 commission.

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

68 601.10 Powers of the Department of Citrus.—The department
69 shall have and shall exercise such general and specific powers
70 as are delegated to it by this chapter and other statutes of the
71 state, which powers shall include, but are not limited to, the
72 following:

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

77 (a) The payment of such or similar benefits to its
78 employees in foreign countries, including, but not limited to,
79 social security, retirement, and other similar fringe benefit
80 costs, may be in accordance with laws in effect in the country
81 of employment, except that no benefits will be payable to
82 employees not authorized for other state employees, as provided
83 in the Career Service System.

84 (b) The department may loan department employees to or
85 share department employees with other state and federal
86 agencies, state universities, or the Department of Agriculture
87 and Consumer Services for marketing and promotion orders

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88 authorized under the authority of the Department of Agriculture
89 and Consumer Services or its direct support organizations or for
90 orders adopted under the authority of the United States
91 Secretary of Agriculture. The department may enter into
92 agreements with such entity or entities under such terms and
93 conditions as will benefit the State of Florida, if the agency
94 or entity with which the employee is loaned or shared reimburses
95 the State of Florida for all pay and benefits of the employee,
96 not including a service fee for administration. If the entity
97 directly pays the loaned or shared employee his or her salary
98 and benefits, as applicable, an agreement with the department is
99 not necessary and the employee may work part time with the
100 department under terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the
101 department and the employee. All arrangements made pursuant to
102 this paragraph are subject to prior approval by the department.
103 Except as otherwise provided, loans and agreements must comply
104 with s. 112.24 ~~Subject to all applicable rules adopted by the~~
105 ~~Department of Management Services, the department shall be~~
106 ~~staffed 5 days per week, 40 hours per week, as necessary to~~
107 ~~accommodate industry inquiries. However, the executive director,~~
108 ~~with the commission's approval, may establish alternative~~
109 ~~schedules for individual department employees to ensure maximum~~
110 ~~efficiencies.~~

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