

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Education Administration  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Aristide offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Section 16.615, Florida Statutes, is**  
8 **transferred, renumbered as section 1001.216, Florida Statutes,**  
9 **and amended to read:**

10 1001.216 ~~16.615~~ Council on the Social Status of Black Men  
11 and Boys.—

12 (1) The Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys  
13 is established within Florida Memorial University ~~the Department~~  
14 ~~of Legal Affairs~~ and shall be composed ~~consist~~ of 19 members  
15 appointed as follows:

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16 (a) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the  
17 same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate  
18 with the advice of the Minority Leader of the Senate.

19 (b) Two members of the House of Representatives who are  
20 not members of the same political party, appointed by the  
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives with the advice of the  
22 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

23 (c) The Secretary of Children and Families,    or his or her  
24 designee.

25 (d) The director of the Mental Health Program Office  
26 within the Department of Children and Families,    or his or her  
27 designee.

28 (e) The State Surgeon General,    or his or her designee.

29 (f) The Commissioner of Education,    or his or her designee.

30 (g) The Secretary of Corrections,    or his or her designee.

31 (h) The Attorney General,    or his or her designee.

32 (i) The Secretary of Management Services,    or his or her  
33 designee.

34 (j) The Secretary of Commerce,    or his or her designee.

35 (k) A businessperson who is an African American, as  
36 defined in s. 760.80(2)(a), appointed by the Governor.

37 (l) Two persons appointed by the President of the Senate  
38 who are not members of the Legislature or employed by state  
39 government. One of the appointees must be a clinical  
40 psychologist.

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41 (m) Two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
42 Representatives who are not members of the Legislature or  
43 employed by state government. One of the appointees must be an  
44 Africana studies professional.

45 (n) The deputy secretary for Medicaid in the Agency for  
46 Health Care Administration, or his or her designee.

47 (o) The Secretary of Juvenile Justice, or his or her  
48 designee.

49 (2) Each member of the council shall be appointed to a 4-  
50 year term; however, for the purpose of providing staggered  
51 terms, of the initial appointments, 9 members shall be appointed  
52 to 2-year terms and 10 members shall be appointed to 4-year  
53 terms. A member of the council may be removed at any time by the  
54 member's appointing authority who shall fill the vacancy on the  
55 council.

56 (3) (a) At the first meeting of the council each year, the  
57 members shall elect a chair and a vice chair.

58 (b) A vacancy in the office of chair or vice chair must  
59 ~~shall~~ be filled by vote of the remaining members.

60 (4) (a) The council shall make a systematic study of the  
61 conditions affecting black men and boys, including, but not  
62 limited to, homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates,  
63 poverty, violence, drug abuse, death rates, disparate annual  
64 income levels, school performance in all grade levels including  
65 postsecondary levels, and health issues.

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66 (b) The council shall propose measures to alleviate and  
67 correct the underlying causes of the conditions described in  
68 paragraph (a). These measures may consist of changes to the law  
69 or systematic changes that can be implemented without  
70 legislative action.

71 (c) The council may study other topics suggested by the  
72 Legislature or as directed by the chair of the council.

73 (d) The council shall receive suggestions or comments  
74 pertinent to the applicable issues from members of the  
75 Legislature, governmental agencies, public and private  
76 organizations, and private citizens.

77 (e) The council shall develop a strategic program and  
78 funding initiative to establish local Councils on the Social  
79 Status of Black Men and Boys.

80 (5) The council may:

81 (a) Access data held by any state departments or agencies,  
82 which data is otherwise a public record.

83 (b) Make requests directly to the Joint Legislative  
84 Auditing Committee for assistance with research and monitoring  
85 of outcomes by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
86 Government Accountability.

87 (c) Request, through council members who are also  
88 legislators, research assistance from the Office of Economic and  
89 Demographic Research within the Florida Legislature.

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90 (d) Request information and assistance from the state or  
91 any political subdivision, municipal corporation, public  
92 officer, or governmental department thereof.

93 (e) Apply for and accept funds, grants, gifts, and  
94 services from the state, the Federal Government or any of its  
95 agencies, or any other public or private source for the purpose  
96 of defraying clerical and administrative costs as may be  
97 necessary for carrying out its duties under this section.

98 (f) Work directly with, or request information and  
99 assistance on issues pertaining to education from, Florida's  
100 historically black colleges and universities.

101 (6) Florida Memorial University ~~The Office of the Attorney~~  
102 ~~General~~ shall provide staff and administrative support to the  
103 council.

104 (7) The council shall meet quarterly and at other times at  
105 the call of the chair or as determined by a majority of council  
106 members and approved by the president of Florida Memorial  
107 University ~~Attorney General~~.

108 (8) Eleven of the members of the council constitute a  
109 quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members  
110 present is required for final action.

111 (9) The council shall issue its annual report by December  
112 15 each year, stating the findings, conclusions, and  
113 recommendations of the council. The council shall submit the  
114 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker

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115 of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the  
116 standing committees of jurisdiction in each chamber.

117 (10) Members of the council shall serve without  
118 compensation. Members are entitled to reimbursement for per diem  
119 and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061. State officers  
120 and employees shall be reimbursed from the budget of the agency  
121 through which they serve. Other members may be reimbursed by  
122 Florida Memorial University ~~the Department of Legal Affairs~~.

123 (11) The council and any subcommittees it forms are  
124 subject to the provisions of chapter 119, related to public  
125 records, and the provisions of chapter 286, related to public  
126 meetings.

127 (12) Each member of the council who is not otherwise  
128 required to file a financial disclosure statement pursuant to s.  
129 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s. 112.3144, must file a  
130 disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 112.3145.

131 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.  
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134 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

135 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

136 A bill to be entitled

137 An act relating to the Council on the Social Status of  
138 Black Men and Boys; transferring, renumbering, and  
139 amending s. 16.615, F.S.; establishing the council

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140 within Florida Memorial University, rather than the  
141 Department of Legal Affairs; requiring Florida  
142 Memorial University, rather than the Office of  
143 Attorney General, to provide staff and administrative  
144 support to the council; providing that the council's  
145 meeting times are approved by the president of Florida  
146 Memorial University, rather than the Attorney General;  
147 providing that members of the council may be  
148 reimbursed for certain expenses by Florida Memorial  
149 University, rather than the Department of Legal  
150 Affairs; providing an effective date.