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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to gubernatorial transition; creating s. 14.059, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the Governor to designate a transition liaison within the Executive Office of the Governor within a specified timeframe; providing duties of the transition liaison; requiring the head of each state agency to designate an agency transition liaison within a specified timeframe; providing duties of the agency transition liaisons; requiring the Department of Management Services and each state agency to provide certain temporary office facilities to certain persons during the transition period; requiring the department, upon request, to provide the Governor-elect and his or her staff with information technology and related services for such transition period; requiring the Governor-elect to designate in writing the persons to be provided with such services; requiring specified persons to sign a certain memorandum of understanding; requiring each state agency, upon request, to provide the Governor-elect and his or her staff with access to agency leadership personnel during the transition period; authorizing state agencies to assign limited personnel to assist the Governor-elect and his or her staff; requiring that the Governor-elect and his or

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26        her staff be granted access to all state agency  
27        records upon request; requiring that the Governor-  
28        elect and persons designated by the Governor-elect be  
29        granted access to confidential and exempt records  
30        under certain conditions; providing criminal  
31        penalties; amending s. 14.057, F.S.; conforming  
32        provisions to changes made by the act; providing an  
33        effective date.

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

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37        **Section 1. Section 14.059, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
38        **read:**

39        14.059 Gubernatorial transition; coordination, access, and  
40        agency obligations.—

41        (1) As used in this section, the term:

42        (a) "State agency" means an executive branch agency the  
43        head of which is appointed solely by the Governor.

44        (b) "Transition period" means the period beginning on the  
45        day the Elections Canvassing Commission certifies the results of  
46        a general election in a year in which the Governor is elected  
47        and ending on the day the Governor-elect is inaugurated as  
48        Governor. The term does not include any period following the  
49        reelection of an incumbent Governor to a second consecutive  
50        term.

51        (2) No later than the 10th day after the primary election,  
52        the Governor shall designate a transition liaison within the  
53        Executive Office of the Governor. The transition liaison shall:

54        (a) Serve as the primary point of contact between the  
55        current administration and the Governor-elect and his or her  
56        staff.

57        (b) Oversee and coordinate transition planning and  
58        operations with state agencies.

59        (c) Create a transition directory that summarizes the  
60        statutory authority, programs, functions, and organizational  
61        structure of each state agency. The transition directory must be  
62        delivered to the Governor-elect within 3 days after the  
63        beginning of the transition period.

64        (d) Create and coordinate transition training,  
65        orientation, and briefings for the Governor-elect and his or her  
66        staff which cover:

67        1. The organizational structure of the executive branch of  
68        state government.

69        2. Administrative processes of state agencies, including  
70        personnel systems.

71        3. Public records and meeting requirements.

72        4. Ethics and financial disclosure laws.

73        5. Rulemaking procedures under the Administrative  
74        Procedure Act.

75        6. State budgeting and financial management processes.

76       7. Any additional subject identified by the Governor-elect  
77       and determined by the transition liaison to be reasonably  
78       necessary to support an orderly transition between  
79       administrations and the continuity of state agency operations.

80       (e) Establish instructions and guidance for agency  
81       transition liaisons regarding the preparation, content, and  
82       delivery of standardized briefing books under paragraph (3) (b).

83       (3) No later than the 10th day after the primary election,  
84       the head of each state agency shall designate an agency  
85       transition liaison. The agency transition liaison shall:

86       (a) Serve as the primary point of contact between the  
87       agency and the transition liaison.

88       (b) Prepare standardized briefing books in accordance with  
89       instructions and guidance established by the transition liaison.  
90       The briefing books shall be delivered to the Governor-elect  
91       within 3 days after the beginning of the transition period and  
92       shall:

93       1. Outline the agency's organizational structure, mission,  
94       programs, budget, major contracts, recently concluded and  
95       pending litigation, and rulemaking activity.

96       2. Identify all agency leadership personnel, including the  
97       chief of staff, general counsel, deputy chiefs of staff, deputy  
98       secretaries, division directors, and bureau chiefs.

99       3. Include any information deemed necessary by the  
100      transition liaison to support an orderly transition between

101 administrations and the continuity of state agency operations.

102 (4)(a)1. The Department of Management Services shall  
103 provide the Governor-elect, his or her staff, and the  
104 inauguration staff with temporary office facilities in the  
105 Capitol Center during the transition period.

106 2. Each state agency shall provide temporary office space  
107 within the agency headquarters for use by the Governor-elect and  
108 his or her staff during the transition period.

109 (b)1. Upon request of the Governor-elect, the Department  
110 of Management Services shall provide the Governor-elect and his  
111 or her staff with information technology and related services  
112 necessary for transition operations during the transition  
113 period. The Governor-elect must designate in writing each person  
114 to be provided with information technology and related services.  
115 At a minimum, information technology and related services  
116 include:

117 a. Computers and any necessary equipment for their use.  
118 b. Secure e-mail accounts.  
119 c. Cybersecurity training and monitoring.  
120 d. Technical assistance related to the use of the  
121 information technology.

122 2. Before the Governor-elect or a person designated by the  
123 Governor-elect is provided with information technology, he or  
124 she must sign a memorandum of understanding acknowledging that  
125 he or she will adhere to state cybersecurity practices and will

126 return the information technology to the department upon  
127 conclusion of the transition period.

128 (5) (a) Upon request and in coordination with the  
129 transition liaison, each state agency shall provide the  
130 Governor-elect and his or her staff with access to agency  
131 leadership personnel during the transition period, including the  
132 chief of staff, general counsel, deputy chiefs of staff, deputy  
133 secretaries, division directors, and bureau chiefs.

134 (b) Each state agency may assign limited personnel to  
135 assist the Governor-elect and his or her staff during the  
136 transition period to the extent consistent with the agency's  
137 operational needs.

138 (6) (a) During the transition period, the Governor-elect  
139 and his or her staff shall be granted access to all state agency  
140 records upon request.

141 (b) 1. During the transition period, the Governor-elect and  
142 persons designated by the Governor-elect shall be granted access  
143 to records that are confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) or  
144 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The Governor-elect  
145 must designate in writing each person who must be granted access  
146 to such records. No more than one person per temporary office  
147 provided pursuant to paragraph (4) (a) may be designated by the  
148 Governor-elect under this paragraph.

149       2. Before accessing any confidential or exempt records,  
150       the Governor-elect and his or her designees must sign a  
151       memorandum of understanding acknowledging that:  
152        a. Such records will remain confidential or exempt.  
153        b. Disclosure of such records or the information contained  
154       therein is prohibited unless specifically authorized by law.  
155        c. All records will be returned to the custodian at the  
156       conclusion of the transition period.  
157        d. The Governor-elect and each of his or her designees may  
158       not disclose or use confidential or exempt information for his  
159       or her personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or  
160       benefit of any other person or business entity.  
161        e. A violation of sub-subparagraphs a.-d. is a crime  
162       punishable as a felony of the third degree.  
163        3. Any person who willfully and knowingly violates this  
164       paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
165       provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

166       **Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 14.057, Florida**  
167       **Statutes, is amended to read:**

168       14.057 Governor-elect; establishment of operating fund.—

169       (2) ~~The Department of Management Services shall provide~~  
170       ~~for the Governor-elect, the Governor-elect's staff, and the~~  
171       ~~inauguration staff temporary office facilities in the capitol~~  
172       ~~center for the period extending from the day of the~~  
173       ~~certification of the Governor-elect's election by the Elections~~

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174 ~~Canvassing Commission to the day of his or her inauguration.~~

175 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.