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FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to state employment; providing directives to the Division of Statutory Revision; amending s. 110.105, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the establishment of the State Personnel System; transferring, renumbering, reordering, and amending s. 110.107, F.S.; revising definitions relating to ch. 110, F.S.; amending s. 110.1055, F.S.; revising the rulemaking authority of the Department of Management Services; creating s. 110.1056, F.S.; providing for agency audits to determine compliance with laws and rules; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.405, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the appointment of ad hoc advisory committees; creating s. 110.1065, F.S.; providing the employment policies of the State Personnel System; authorizing the department to adopt rules; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.233, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 110.1099, F.S.; revising provisions relating to educational opportunities for employees; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.235, F.S.; revising provisions relating to training employees; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 110.112, F.S.; revising provisions relating to equal employment opportunities; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 110.1135, F.S.; requiring state agencies to keep

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110.205, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the list of positions that are exempted from the Civil Service; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 110.208, F.S.; providing for a uniform classification system for civil service positions; creating s. 110.2085, F.S.; providing a pay plan for civil service positions; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 110.211, F.S.; revising provisions relating to recruitment; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 110.213, F.S.; revising provisions relating to selecting a candidate for employment; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 110.2135, F.S.; revising provisions relating to veterans' preference; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 110.215, F.S.; revising provisions relating to employing persons with disabilities; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 110.217, F.S.; revising provisions relating to a change in an employee's position status; amending s. 110.219, F.S.; revising provisions relating to attendance and leave policies; amending s. 110.221, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 110.224, F.S.; revising provisions relating to employee evaluation; amending s. 110.227, F.S.; revising provisions relating to employee grievances; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing a directive to the Division of Statutory Revision; transferring, renumbering, and amending s.

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117 110.1315, F.S.; revising a provision relating to other 118 personal service employment; authorizing the Department of Financial Services to adopt rules; 119 120 transferring and renumbering s. 110.1128, F.S., 121 relating to selective service registration; creating 122 s. 112.910, F.S.; providing for equal employment 123 opportunity; creating s. 112.911, F.S.; providing for 124 nondiscrimination in employment; transferring, 125 renumbering, and amending s. 110.1221, F.S.; revising 126 provisions relating to the state sexual harassment 127 policy; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 128 110.122, F.S.; revising provisions relating to payment for sick leave; transferring, renumbering, and 129 130 amending s. 110.121, F.S.; revising provisions 131 relating to the sick leave pool; transferring, 132 renumbering, and amending s. 110.119, F.S.; revising 133 provisions relating to administrative leave for a 134 service-connected disability; transferring, renumbering, and amending ss. 110.120 and 110.1091, 135 136 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the 137 act; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 138 110.151, F.S.; revising provisions relating to child 139 care services provided by a state agency; transferring and renumbering s. 110.181, F.S., relating to the 140 141 Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign; 142 transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.1225, 143 F.S.; revising provisions relating to agency furloughs; transferring and renumbering s. 110.1155, 144 145 F.S., relating to travel to certain countries lacking

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conforming a cross-reference; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.1228, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.123, F.S., relating to the state group insurance program; conforming terminology and making editorial changes; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.12301, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; transferring and renumbering s. 110.12302, F.S., relating to costing options for state group insurance plans; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.12312, F.S.; conforming cross-references; transferring and renumbering s. 110.12315, F.S., relating to the state employees' prescription drug program; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.1232, F.S.; conforming cross-references; transferring and renumbering s. 110.1234, F.S., relating to health insurance for retirees under the Florida Retirement System; transferring and renumbering s. 110.1238, F.S., relating to state group health insurance plans; transferring and renumbering s. 110.1239, F.S., relating to funding for the state group health insurance program; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.161, F.S.; conforming a crossreference; creating s. 112.952, F.S.; providing for penalties; providing a directive to the Division of Statutory Revision; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.501, F.S.; revising definitions relating to state volunteer services; transferring,

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renumbering, and amending s. 110.502, F.S.; revising provisions relating to volunteer status; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.503, F.S.; revising provisions relating to state agency responsibilities; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 110.504, F.S.; revising provisions relating to volunteer benefits; creating s. 112.965, F.S.; providing for penalties; repealing s. 110.115, F.S., relating to employees of historical commissions; repealing s. 110.118, F.S., relating to administrative leave for athletic competitions; repealing s. 110.124, F.S., relating to the termination or transfer of employees 65 years of age or older; repealing s. 110.129, F.S., relating to technical personnel assistance to political subdivisions; repealing s. 110.1521, F.S., relating to a short title; repealing s. 110.1522, F.S., relating to a model rule establishing family support personnel policies; repealing s. 110.1523, F.S., relating to the adoption of the model rule; repealing s. 110.171, F.S., relating to telecommuting; repealing s. 110.201, F.S., relating to personnel rules, records, and reports; repealing s. 110.2035, F.S., relating to the classification and compensation program for employment positions; repealing s. 110.21, F.S., relating to shared employment; repealing s. 110.406, F.S., relating to senior management service data collection; repealing s. 110.603, F.S., relating to a classification plan and pay bands for selected exempt service positions; repealing s. 110.604, F.S.,

585-00618D-12 20127196 233 relating to certain personnel actions for selected 234 exempt service employees; repealing s. 110.606, F.S., 235 relating to selected exempt service data collection; 236 amending ss. 11.13, 20.055, 20.21, 20.23, 20.255, 237 24.105, 24.122, 30.071, 43.16, 104.31, 106.24, 112.044, 112.0805, 112.313, 112.3145, 112.363, 238 239 121.021, 121.051, 121.055, 121.35, 145.19, 216.011, 216.181, 260.0125, 287.175, 295.07, 295.09, 296.04, 240 296.34, 381.00315, 381.85, 394.47865, 402.3057, 241 402.55, 402.7305, 402.731, 409.1757, 409.9205, 414.37, 2.42 427.012, 440.102, 447.203, 447.207, 447.209, 447.401, 243 244 456.048, 551.116, 570.07, 601.10, 624.307, 624.437, 245 627.6488, 627.649, 627.6498, 627.6617, 627.6686, 849.086, 943.0585, 943.059, 945.043, 946.525, 985.045, 246 247 1001.705, 1001.706, 1001.74, 1002.36, 1012.62, 248 1012.79, 1012.88, and 1012.96 F.S.; conforming 249 provisions to changes made by the act; providing an 250 effective date. 251 252 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 253 254 Section 1. The Division of Statutory Revision is requested 255 to rename chapter 110, Florida Statutes, as "State Personnel 256 System." 257 Section 2. The Division of Statutory Revision is requested 258 to rename part I of chapter 110, Florida Statutes, as "General 259 Provisions." 260 Section 3. Section 110.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to 261 read:

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110.105 <u>Establishment of the State Personnel System</u>

<u>Employment policy of the state.</u>

- (1) It is The purpose of this chapter is to establish the State Personnel a System of personnel management. The This system shall provide a means for maintaining to recruit, select, train, develop, and maintain an effective and responsible workforce and include shall include policies, and procedures, and guidelines for employee hiring and advancement, training and career development, position classification, salary administration, benefits, attendance and leave, discipline, dismissal discharge, employee performance evaluations, affirmative action, and other related activities.
- (2) All appointments, terminations, assignments and maintenance of status, compensation, privileges, and other terms and conditions of employment in state government shall be made without regard to age, sex, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, or handicap, except when a specific sex, age, or physical requirement constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification necessary to proper and efficient administration.
- (3) Except as expressly provided by law, there shall be no Florida residence requirement for any person as a condition precedent to employment by the state; however, preference may be given to Florida residents in hiring.
- (2) (4) This chapter contains the requirements and guides for establishing and maintaining a system of personnel administration on a merit basis. The system of personnel administration shall be implemented so as to ensure that the permit state agencies participating in the State Personnel

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(5) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed either to infringe upon or to supersede the rights guaranteed public employees under chapter 447.

Section 4. Section 110.107, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 110.1054, Florida Statutes, reordered, and amended to read:

 $\underline{110.1054}$ $\underline{110.107}$ Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

 $\underline{(5)}$ "Department" means the Department of Management Services.

 $\underline{(30)}$ "Secretary" means the Secretary of Management Services.

(3) "Furlough" means a temporary reduction in the regular hours of employment in a pay period, or temporary leave without pay for one or more pay periods, with a commensurate reduction in pay, necessitated by a projected deficit in any fund that supports salary and benefit appropriations. The deficit must be projected by the Revenue Estimating Conference pursuant to s. 216.136(3).

(31) (4) "State agency" or "agency" means any entity within the State Personnel System official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch or the judicial branch of state government as defined in chapter 216.

- (32) "State employee" or "employee" means an employee of a state agency.
- (33) "State Personnel System" means the system of personnel administration for authorized civil service, selected exempt

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320	service, and senior management service positions and other
321	personal services employment within the following state agencies
322	and organizational units of such agencies as specified by law:
323	(a) Agency for Enterprise Information Technology.
324	(b) Agency for Health Care Administration.
325	(c) Agency for Persons with Disabilities.
326	(d) Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
327	(e) Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
328	(f) Department of Children and Family Services.
329	(g) Department of Citrus.
330	(h) Department of Corrections.
331	(i) Department of Economic Opportunity.
332	(j) Department of Education.
333	(k) Department of Elderly Affairs.
334	(1) Department of Environmental Protection.
335	(m) Department of Financial Services.
336	(n) Department of Health.
337	(o) Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
338	(p) Department of Juvenile Justice.
339	(q) Department of Law Enforcement.
340	(r) Department of Legal Affairs.
341	(s) Department of Management Services.
342	(t) Department of Military Affairs.
343	(u) Department of Revenue.
344	(v) Department of State.
345	(w) Department of Transportation.
346	(x) Department of Veterans' Affairs.
347	(y) Executive Office of the Governor.
348	(z) Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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- (aa) Florida Public Service Commission.
 - (bb) Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.
 - (cc) Parole Commission.
- $\underline{(22)}$ "Position" means the work, consisting of duties and responsibilities, assigned to be performed by an officer or employee.
- (23) "Position description" means the document that accurately describes the assigned duties, responsibilities, and other pertinent information, including licensure, certification, or registration requirements, of a position and that serves as the official record of the work and other requirements of the position.
- (10) "Full-time position" means a position authorized for the entire normally established work period, whether daily, weekly, monthly, or annually.
- (19) (7) "Part-time position" means a position authorized for less than the entire normally established work period, whether daily, weekly, monthly, or annually.
- $\underline{(16)}$ "Occupation" means all positions $\underline{\text{that}}$ which are sufficiently similar in knowledge, skills, and abilities, and sufficiently similar as to kind or subject matter of work.
- (17) (9) "Occupational group" means a group of occupations which are sufficiently similar in the kind of work performed to warrant the use of the same performance factors in determining the level of complexity for all occupations in that occupational group.
- (18) "Other personal services" means temporary employment as provided in s. 112.907.
 - (3) (10) "Classification system plan" means a formal

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description of the concepts, rules, job family definitions, occupational group characteristics, and occupational profiles, and broadband levels used to classify in the classification of positions.

- (21) (11) "Pay plan" means a formal description of the philosophy, methods, procedures, and salary schedules for competitively compensating employees at market-based rates for work performed.
- (29) (12) "Salary schedule" means an official document that which contains a complete list of occupation titles, broadband level codes, and pay bands, and other related information.
- $\underline{(1)}$ "Authorized position" means a position included in an approved budget. In counting the number of authorized positions, part-time positions may be converted to full-time equivalents.
- (8) (14) "Established position" means an authorized position that which has been classified in accordance with a classification system and pay plan as provided by law.
- $\underline{(24)}$ "Position number" means the identification number assigned to an established position $\underline{\text{or other personal services}}$ employment position.
- (28) (16) "Reclassification" means changing an established position in one broadband level in an occupational group to a higher or lower broadband level within in the same occupation or changing an established position to a different occupation, either of which is the result of a change in the duties and responsibilities of the position occupational group or to a broadband level in a different occupational group.
 - (26) (17) "Promotion" means moving a civil service employee

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to a higher broadband level within an occupation, or moving an employee to an occupation that has a broadband level having changing the classification of an employee to a broadband level having a higher maximum salary; or the changing of the classification of an employee to a broadband level having the same or a lower maximum salary but a higher level of responsibility.

(4) (18) "Demotion" means moving a civil service changing the classification of an employee to a lower broadband level within an occupation, or moving an employee to an occupation that has a broadband level having a lower maximum salary; or the changing of the classification of an employee to a broadband level having the same or a higher maximum salary but a lower level of responsibility.

(35) (19) "Transfer" means moving a civil service an employee from one geographic location of the state to a different geographic location that is more than in excess of 50 highway miles from the employee's current work location. The mileage shall be calculated using an official Department of Transportation map.

(27) (20) "Reassignment" means moving a civil service an employee from a position in an occupation to a position in the same occupation and one broadband level but which has different duties; or to a different position in a different occupation that has a the same broadband level with the same maximum salary; or to a position in the same occupation and different broadband level regardless of the duties, but in a different agency having the same maximum salary.

(6) "Dismissal" means a disciplinary action taken by an

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agency pursuant to s. 110.227 against <u>a civil service</u> an employee <u>which results</u> resulting in the termination of his or her employment.

- (34) (22) "Suspension" means a disciplinary action taken by an agency against a civil service employee pursuant to s.

 110.227 which against an employee to temporarily relieves

 relieve the employee of his or her duties and places place him or her on leave without pay.
- (14) (23) "Layoff" means termination of employment due to a shortage of funds or work, or a material change in the duties or organization of an agency, including the outsourcing or privatization of an activity or function previously performed by civil career service employees.
- (15) "Merit status" means the status attained by a civil service employee in his or her current position upon successfully completing the required probationary period by demonstrating competency in performing the duties and responsibilities of that position.
- (7) (24) "Employing agency" means any agency authorized to employ personnel to carry out the responsibilities of the agency pursuant to under the provisions of chapter 20 or other <u>law</u> statutory authority.
- (25) "Shared employment" means part-time career employment whereby the duties and responsibilities of a full-time position in the career service are divided among part-time employees who are eligible for the position and who receive career service benefits and wages pro rata. In no case shall "shared employment" include the employment of persons paid from other-personal-services funds.

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(9) "Firefighter" means a firefighter certified under chapter 633.

- (13) (27) "Law enforcement or correctional officer" means a law enforcement officer, special agent, correctional officer, correctional probation officer, or institutional security specialist required to be certified under chapter 943.
- (25) (28) "Professional health care provider" means registered nurses, physician's assistants, dentists, psychologists, nutritionists or dietitians, pharmacists, psychological specialists, physical therapists, and speech and hearing therapists.
- $\underline{(11)}$ "Job family" means a defined grouping of one or more similar occupational groups.
- (12) "Lateral" means moving a civil service employee within an agency to a different position that is in the same occupation, that is at the same broadband level with the same maximum salary, and that has substantially the same duties and responsibilities.
- (20) "Pay band" means the minimum salary, the maximum salary, and intermediate rates that which are payable for work in a specific broadband level.
- (2)(31) "Broadband level" means all positions that which are sufficiently similar in knowledge, skills, and abilities; the, and sufficiently similar as to kind or subject matter of work; the, level of difficulty or responsibility; responsibilities, and qualification requirements of the work so as to warrant the same treatment with respect as to title, pay band, and other personnel transactions.
 - Section 5. Section 110.1055, Florida Statutes, is amended

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494 to read:

- 110.1055 Rules; records and rulemaking authority.-
- (1) The department of Management Services shall adopt rules as necessary to carry out its statutory duties effectuate the provisions of this chapter, as amended by this act, and in accordance with the authority granted to the department in this chapter. All existing rules relating to this chapter are statutorily repealed January 1, 2002, unless otherwise readopted.
- (2) In consultation with the state agencies, the department shall develop uniform personnel rules, guidelines, records, and reports relating to employees in the State Personnel System. The department may adopt rules that provide alternative requirements.
- (3) Upon adoption, the uniform personnel rules constitute the personnel rules for each state agency.
 - (a) Each agency must comply with the uniform rules unless:
- 1. The Administration Commission has granted an exception to a specific rule. An agency may request an exception to the uniform personnel rules by filing a petition with the commission. The commission shall approve an exception if the exception is necessary to conform to any requirement imposed as a condition precedent to receipt of federal funds or to permit persons in this state to receive tax benefits under federal law, or if required for the most efficient operation of the agency as determined by the commission. The reasons for the exception must be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Agency rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules may not be adopted unless approved by the commission.

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2. The agency must comply with a statutory provision that conflicts with the uniform rules. In such case, the agency shall notify the department, the Administration Commission, the Administrative Procedures Committee, and the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature and advise the standing committees if the agency recommends revision of the statute to conform it to the uniform rules. Agencies are encouraged to propose methods for conforming statutory provisions to the uniform rules.

- (b) An agency that adopts rules that provide an exception to the uniform rules or that comply with statutory requirements that conflict with the uniform rules must have a separate chapter published in the Florida Administrative Code. The chapter must clearly delineate the provisions of the agency's rules which provide an exception or which are based on a conflicting statutory requirement. Each alternative chosen from those authorized by the uniform rules must be specified. Each chapter must be organized in the same manner as the uniform rules.
- (c) Any rule adopted by an agency which is an exception to the uniform rules or which is based upon a conflicting statutory provision may not prescribe personnel policies inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter. Such rules may not include any benefits for State Personnel System employees which are in addition to, or exceed, those authorized by this chapter, and must comply with all federal regulations necessary to allow the agency to receive federal funds.
- (4) The department may develop uniform forms and instructions relating to personnel transactions as the

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department determines necessary.

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(5) The agency is responsible for maintaining up-to-date personnel records and reports in accordance with applicable rules and laws.

Section 6. Section 110.1056, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

110.1056 Agency audits.—The department may periodically audit agency records to determine compliance with this chapter and department rules.

Section 7. Section 110.405, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 110.106, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

110.106 110.405 Advisory committees.—The secretary of Management Services may at any time appoint an ad hoc or continuing advisory committee consisting of members of the Senior Management Service or other persons knowledgeable in the field of personnel management. Advisory committees Any Such committee shall consist of not more than nine members, who shall serve at the pleasure of and meet at the call of the secretary and, at the request of the secretary, provide consultation and advice, to advise and consult with the secretary on such matters affecting the State Personnel System Senior Management Service as the secretary requests. Members shall serve without compensation, but are shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061. The secretary may periodically hire a consultant who has with expertise in personnel administration management to advise him or her with respect to the administration of the State Personnel System Senior Management Service.

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Section 8. Section 110.1065, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 110.1065 General employment policies and requirements.-
- (1) It is the policy of the State Personnel System:
- (a) That all appointments, terminations, assignments, and maintenance of status, compensation, privileges, and other terms and conditions of employment in the State Personnel System be made without regard to age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability, or genetic information, unless a specific requirement constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.
- (b) That sexual harassment is a form of discrimination and, therefore, is prohibited and shall be defined in a manner consistent with federal law.
- (c) To support employees in balancing their personal needs and work responsibilities. This policy is designed to enhance the employee's ability to blend the competing demands of work and personal life and produce a more skilled, accountable, and committed workforce for the State Personnel System. Provisions may include, but need not be limited to, flexible work schedules, telework, part-time employment, and leaves of absence with or without pay.
- (d) To adopt and comply with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, except for those provisions that do not specifically apply to state government employers. With regard to those provisions, the sovereign immunity of the state is not waived and the rules of the department relating to leave control.
- (2) Except as expressly provided by law, Florida residency may not be required for any person as a condition precedent to

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employment; however, preference in hiring may be given to state
residents.

- (3) State agencies that use other personal services employment must comply with s. 112.907.
- (4) Employees of the State Personnel System may be furloughed pursuant to s. 112.920.
- (5) This chapter may not be construed to infringe upon or supersede the rights guaranteed public employees under chapter 447.
- (6) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
- (7) The provisions of parts IX and XI of chapter 112 are applicable to the State Personnel System. The department may adopt rules necessary to administer those sections.
- Section 9. Section 110.233, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 110.1075, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:
- $\underline{110.1075}$ $\underline{110.233}$ Political activities and unlawful acts prohibited.—
- (1) No person shall be appointed to, demoted, or dismissed from any position in the <u>Civil career</u> Service, or in any way favored or discriminated against with respect to employment in the <u>Civil career</u> Service, because of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, religious creed, or political opinion or affiliation.
- (2) No person <u>may shall</u> use or promise to use, directly or indirectly, any official authority or influence, whether possessed or anticipated, to secure or attempt to secure for any person an appointment or advantage in appointment to a position

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in the <u>Civil eareer</u> Service, or an increase in pay or other advantage in employment in any such position, for the purpose of influencing the vote or political action of any person or for any consideration. However, letters of inquiry, recommendations, and references by public employees or public officials <u>are shall</u> not be considered political pressure unless they contain any such letter contains a threat, intimidation, or irrelevant, derogatory, or false information. For the purposes of this section, the term "political pressure," in addition to any appropriate meaning that which may be ascribed thereto by lawful authority, includes the use of official authority or influence in any manner prohibited by this chapter.

- (3) No person may shall, directly or indirectly, give, render, pay, offer, solicit, or accept any money, service, or other valuable consideration for or on account of any appointment, proposed appointment, promotion or proposed promotion to, or any advantage in, a position in the <u>Civil</u> career Service. The provisions of This subsection does do not apply to a private employment agency if licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 449 when the services of the such private employment agency are requested by a state agency, board, department, or commission and neither the state nor any political subdivision pays the private employment agency for such services.
- (4) As an individual, each employee retains all rights and obligations of citizenship provided in the Constitution and laws of the state and the Constitution and laws of the United States. However, an no employee in the Civil career Service may not shall:

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(a) Hold, or be a candidate for, public office while in the employment of the state or take <u>an any</u> active part in a political campaign while on duty or within any period of time during which the employee is expected to perform services for which he or she receives compensation from the state. However, <u>if when</u> authorized by his or her agency head and approved by the department as <u>not</u> involving <u>an no</u> interest <u>that which</u> conflicts or activity <u>that which</u> interferes with his or her state employment, an employee in the <u>Civil career</u> Service may be a candidate for or hold local public office. The department shall prepare and make available to all affected personnel who make such request a definite set of rules and procedures consistent with this paragraph the provisions herein.

- (b) Use the authority of his or her position to secure support for, or oppose, any candidate, party, or issue in a partisan election or affect the results thereof.
- (5) No State <u>Personnel System</u> employee or official <u>may</u> shall use any promise of reward or threat of loss to encourage or coerce any employee to support or contribute to any political issue, candidate, or party.
- (6) The department shall adopt by rule procedures for <u>State Personnel Career Service</u> System employees <u>which</u> that require disclosure to the agency head of any application for or offer of employment, gift, contractual relationship, or financial interest with any individual, partnership, association, corporation, utility, or other organization, <u>whether</u> public or private, doing business with or subject to regulation by the agency.
 - (7) The department may adopt rules to administer this

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Section 10. Section 110.1099, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.1099 <u>Elective</u> education <u>and professional development</u> and training opportunities for state employees.—

- (1) The education and professional development of employees training are an integral components component in improving the delivery of services to the public. Recognizing that the application of productivity-enhancing technology and practice demands continuous educational and professional development training opportunities, an a state employee may be authorized to receive a voucher, or grant, or tuition reimbursement for matriculation fees $_{\tau}$ to attend work-related courses at public community colleges, public career centers, or public universities, or other accredited postsecondary educational institutions. The department may implement the provisions of this section from funds appropriated to the department for this purpose. In the event insufficient funds are appropriated to the department, Each state agency may supplement these funds to support the educational and professional development training and education needs of its employees from funds appropriated to the agency.
- (2) The department, in conjunction with the agencies, shall request that public universities provide evening and weekend programs for state employees. When evening and weekend training and educational programs are not available, an employee may be authorized to take paid time off during his or her regular working hours for training and career development, as provided in s. 110.105(1), if such training benefits the employer as

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determined by that employee's agency head.

(2)(3) An employee who exhibits superior aptitude and performance may be authorized by his or her that employee's agency head to take a paid educational leave of absence for up to 1 academic year at a time, for specific approved work-related education and professional development training. The That employee must enter into a contract to return to the agency granting the leave state employment for a period of time equal to the length of the leave of absence or refund the salary and benefits paid during the his or her educational leave of absence.

(3) (4) As a precondition to approving an employee's training request for an educational, professional development, or training program, an agency or the judicial branch may require the an employee to enter into an agreement which provides that, if the employee voluntarily terminates employment or is dismissed from the agency within a specified period of time, not to exceed 2 years after the conclusion of the program, requires the employee must to reimburse the agency or judicial branch for up to the total cost of fees and associated expenses for the program if the registration fee or similar expense for any training or training series when the total cost of the fee or similar expense exceeds \$1,000 if the employee voluntarily terminates employment or is discharged for cause from the agency or judicial branch within a specified period of time not to exceed 4 years after the conclusion of the training. This subsection does not apply to any training program or course that an agency or the judicial branch requires an employee to attend. An agency or the judicial branch may pay the outstanding balance

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then due and owing on behalf of \underline{an} a state employee under this subsection in connection with \underline{the} recruitment and hiring of such state employee.

(4) (5) The department may of Management Services, in consultation with the agencies and, to the extent applicable, with Florida's public community colleges, public career centers, and public universities, shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 11. Section 110.235, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 110.1115, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- $\underline{110.1115}$ $\underline{110.235}$ Training \underline{and} professional development of employees.—
- (1) State agencies shall implement training <u>and</u>
 <u>professional development</u> programs that encompass modern
 management principles; and that provide the framework to develop
 human resources, through empowerment, training, and rewards for
 <u>productivity enhancement;</u> to continuously improve the quality of
 services,; and to satisfy the expectations of the public.
- (2) Each <u>state</u> <u>employing</u> agency shall <u>provide the</u> <u>department with training information as requested for the</u> <u>purpose of analyzing statewide training needs</u> <u>annually evaluate</u> <u>and report to the department the training it has implemented and the progress it has made in the area of training</u>.
- (3) As approved by the Legislature by law, Each state employing agency may use a portion specified percentage of its salary budget to implement training programs.
- (4) In order to promote the development of managerial, executive, or administrative skills among employees, each agency

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may establish and administer a training program that may include, but need not be limited to:

- (a) Improving the performance of individuals and groups of employees.
- (b) Relating the efforts of employees to the goals of the organization.
 - (c) Strategic planning.
 - (d) Team leadership.
- appropriate state agency personnel are adequately trained in the proper administration of state personnel system policies and procedures, compliance with all applicable federal and state workforce regulations, and the promotion of efficient and equitable employment practices. The department may host workshops, conferences, and other professional development activities that focus on the training needs of agency staff who are responsible for human resource management, training and development, and benefits administration.
- (a) The department may coordinate with the appropriate business units of the state universities or community colleges for the purpose of sponsoring conferences and expositions that provide continuing professional development to the agencies in the areas of human resource management, payroll and benefits administration, and other topics critical to the proper administration of the state workforce.
- (b) For the purposes of leveraging resources and promoting best practices, the department may open such conferences to all state and local public employers who have shared interests in public-sector human resource management and related topics.

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(6) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 12. Section 110.112, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.112 Affirmative action; Equal employment opportunity.
- (1) It <u>is</u> shall be the policy of the State <u>Personnel System</u> to assist in <u>ensuring providing the assurance of</u> equal employment opportunity through programs of affirmative and positive action that will allow full utilization of women and minorities.
- (2) (a) The head of each <u>state</u> <u>executive</u> agency shall develop and implement an affirmative action plan in accordance with <u>this section and applicable state and federal laws</u> rules adopted by the department and approved by a majority vote of the Administration Commission before their adoption.
- (a) (b) Each executive agency shall establish annual goals for ensuring the full utilization of groups underrepresented in its workforce as compared to the relevant labor market, as defined by the agency. Each executive agency shall design its affirmative action plan to meet its established goals.
- (b) (c) An equal affirmative action-equal employment opportunity officer shall be appointed by the head of each executive agency. The affirmative action-equal employment opportunity officer's responsibilities must include determining annual goals, monitoring agency compliance, and providing consultation to managers regarding progress, deficiencies, and appropriate corrective action.
- $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ (d) The department shall report information in its annual workforce report relating to $\underline{\text{the demographic composition}}$

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of the workforce of the State Personnel System as compared to the relevant state labor market the implementation, continuance, updating, and results of each executive agency's affirmative action plan for the previous fiscal year. The agencies shall provide the department with the information necessary to comply with this provision.

- (e) The department shall provide to all supervisory personnel of the executive agencies training in the principles of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action, the development and implementation of affirmative action plans, and the establishment of annual affirmative action goals. The department may contract for training services, and each participating agency shall reimburse the department for costs incurred through such contract. After the department approves the contents of the training program for the agencies, the department may delegate this training to the executive agencies.
 - (3) Each state attorney and public defender shall:
 - (a) Develop and implement an affirmative action plan.
- (b) Establish annual goals for ensuring full utilization of groups underrepresented in its workforce as compared to the relevant labor market in this state. The state attorneys' and public defenders' affirmative action plans must be designed to meet the established goals.
- (c) Appoint an affirmative action-equal employment opportunity officer.
- (d) Report annually to the Justice Administrative Commission on the implementation, continuance, updating, and results of his or her affirmative action program for the previous fiscal year.

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(3) (4) Each The state agency, its agencies and officers shall ensure freedom from discrimination in employment in accordance with applicable state and federal laws as provided by the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, by s. 112.044, and by this chapter.

- (4) All recruitment literature that references State

 Personnel System position vacancies must contain the phrase "An

 Equal Opportunity Employer."
- (5) An Any individual claiming to be aggrieved by an unlawful employment practice may file a complaint with the Florida Commission on Human Relations as provided by s. 760.11.
- (6) The department <u>may adopt rules necessary to administer</u> shall review and monitor executive agency actions in carrying out the rules adopted by the department pursuant to this section.

Section 13. Section 110.1135, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

shall keep an accurate record of all hours of work performed by each employee, as well as a complete and accurate record of all authorized leave. The ultimate responsibility for the accuracy and proper maintenance of all attendance and leave records is with the agency head.

Section 14. Section 110.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.116 <u>Human resource information</u> Personnel information system; payroll procedures.—
- $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ The department of Management Services shall establish and maintain, in coordination with the payroll system of the

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Department of Financial Services, a complete human resource 900 901 personnel information system for all authorized and established 902 positions in the State Personnel System service, with the 903 exception of employees of the Legislature, unless the 904 Legislature chooses to participate. The department may contract 905 with a vendor to provide the human resource personnel 906 information system. The specifications shall be developed in 907 conjunction with the payroll system of the Department of 908 Financial Services and in coordination with the Auditor General. The Department of Financial Services shall determine that the 909 910 position occupied by each employee has been authorized and established in accordance with the provisions of s. 216.251. The human resource information system must include Department of 912 Management Services shall develop and maintain a position 913 914 numbering system that identifies will identify each established 915 position, and such information shall be a part of the payroll 916 system of the Department of Financial Services. The With the 917 exception of employees of the Legislature, unless the 918 Legislature chooses to participate, this system must shall 919 include all civil career service positions and those positions 920 exempted from the Civil career Service provisions, 921 notwithstanding the funding source of the salary payments, and information regarding persons receiving salary payments from 922 923 other sources. Necessary revisions shall be made in the 924 personnel and payroll procedures of the state to avoid 925 duplication insofar as is feasible to do so. The information in the system must A list shall be organized by budget entity to 926 927 show the employees or vacant positions within each budget 928 entity. The information This list shall be made available to the

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Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate upon request.

(2) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 15. Section 110.1245, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.1245 Savings sharing program; Bonus payments; other awards.—

(1) (a) The Department of Management Services shall adopt rules that prescribe procedures and promote a savings sharing program for an individual or group of employees who propose procedures or ideas that are adopted and that result in eliminating or reducing state expenditures, if such proposals are placed in effect and may be implemented under current statutory authority.

(b) Each agency head shall recommend employees individually or by group to be awarded an amount of money, which amount shall be directly related to the cost savings realized. Each proposed award and amount of money must be approved by the Legislative Budget Commission.

(c) Each state agency, unless otherwise provided by law, may participate in the program. The Chief Justice shall have the authority to establish a savings sharing program for employees of the judicial branch within the parameters established in this section. The program shall apply to all employees within the Career Service, the Selected Exempt Service, and comparable employees within the judicial branch.

(d) The department and the judicial branch shall submit annually to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the

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585-00618D-12 20127196 958 House of Representatives information that outlines each agency's 959 level of participation in the savings sharing program. The 960 information shall include, but is not limited to: 961 1. The number of proposals made. 962 2. The number of dollars and awards made to employees or 963 groups for adopted proposals. 964 3. The actual cost savings realized as a result of 965 implementing employee or group proposals. 966 (1) (2) State agencies may pay In June of each year, bonuses 967 shall be paid to employees from funds authorized by the 968 Legislature in an appropriation specifically for bonuses. 969 Bonuses shall be distributed in accordance with the criteria and 970 instructions provided in the General Appropriations Act. Each 971 agency shall develop a plan for awarding lump-sum bonuses, which 972 plan shall be submitted no later than September 15 of each year 973 and approved by the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive 974 Office of the Governor. Such plan shall include, at a minimum, 975 but is not limited to: 976 (a) A statement that bonuses are subject to specific 977 appropriation by the Legislature. 978 (b) Eligibility criteria as follows: 979 1. The employee must have been employed prior to July 1 of 980 that fiscal year and have been continuously employed through the 981 date of distribution. 982 2. The employee must not have been on leave without pay 983 consecutively for more than 6 months during the fiscal year.

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bonus checks are distributed. Disciplinary actions include

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987 written reprimands, suspensions, dismissals, and involuntary or 988 voluntary demotions that were associated with a disciplinary 989 action.

- 4. The employee must have demonstrated a commitment to the agency mission by reducing the burden on those served, continually improving the way business is conducted, producing results in the form of increased outputs, and working to improve processes.
- 5. The employee must have demonstrated initiative in work and have exceeded normal job expectations.
- 6. The employee must have modeled the way for others by displaying agency values of fairness, cooperation, respect, commitment, honesty, excellence, and teamwork.
- (c) A periodic evaluation process of the employee's performance.
- (d) A process for peer input that is fair, respectful of employees, and affects the outcome of the bonus distribution.
- (c) A division of the agency by work unit for purposes of peer input and bonus distribution.
- (f) A limitation on bonus distributions equal to 35 percent of the agency's total authorized positions. This requirement may be waived by the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor upon a showing of exceptional circumstances.
- (2) (3) Consistent with the requirements of s. 215.425(3), and limited to the funds provided in the agency's approved operating budget for salaries and benefits, each agency head may provide bonus awards to department head is authorized to incur expenditures to award suitable framed certificates, pins, and

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other tokens of recognition to retiring state employees <u>based on</u>
exemplary performance or whose service with the state has been
satisfactory, in appreciation of their role in the achievement
of the agency's mission, values, or goals and recognition of
such service.

- (a) Each award Such awards may not exceed more than \$1,000 cost in excess of \$100 each plus applicable taxes. No employee may receive awards totaling more than \$1,000 plus applicable taxes per fiscal year.
- (b) By September 1, agencies shall report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the dollar value and number of such cash awards given in the previous fiscal year.
- (3)(4) Each agency department head may is authorized to incur expenditures to award suitable framed certificates, pins, and or other noncash tokens of recognition. Each token to state employees who demonstrate satisfactory service in the agency or to the state, in appreciation and recognition of such service. Such awards may not cost more than \$150 in excess of \$100 each plus applicable taxes. Such tokens may be awarded to:
- (a) Current employees, in appreciation and recognition of their service to the state.
- (b) Retiring employees, in appreciation and recognition of their service to the state.
- (c) An appointed member of a state board or commission, in appreciation and recognition of his or her service to the state upon the expiration of the member's final term in such position.
- $\underline{\mbox{(4)}}$ The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

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(5) Each department head is authorized to incur expenditures not to exceed \$100 each plus applicable taxes for suitable framed certificates, plaques, or other tokens of recognition to any appointed member of a state board or commission whose service to the state has been satisfactory, in appreciation and recognition of such service upon the expiration of such board or commission member's final term in such position.

Section 16. Section 110.125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.125 Administrative costs.-

- (1) The administrative expenses and costs of operating the State Personnel System program established by this chapter shall be paid by the state various agencies of the state government, and each such agency shall include in its budget estimates its pro rata share of such cost as determined by the department of Management Services.
- (a) To establish an equitable division of the costs, the amount to be paid by each agency shall be based on the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions appropriated to the agency, the average number of other personal services employees paid by the agency, and the total administrative expenses and costs of operating the State Personnel System determined in such proportion as the service rendered to each agency bears to the total service rendered under the provisions of this chapter. The amounts paid to the Department of Management Services which are attributable to positions within the Senior Management Service and the Selected Professional Service shall be used for the administration of such services, training activities for

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positions within those services, and the development and implementation of a database of pertinent historical information on exempt positions.

- (b) If a Should any state agency is become more than 90 days delinquent in paying payment of this obligation, the department shall certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the Chief Financial Officer shall transfer that the amount due to the department from any available debtor agency funds available.
- System which, by mutual agreement between the department and the entity, receives or uses services of more than a de minimis value from the personnel system shall pay the department for the administrative expenses and costs associated with those services as determined by the department. Each such entity shall include such cost in its budget estimates. If a governmental entity become more than 90 days delinquent in paying this obligation, the department shall certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount due and the Chief Financial Officer shall transfer that amount from any available debtor entity funds.
- (3) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
- Section 17. Section 110.126, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 110.126 Oaths, testimony, records; penalties.-
- (1) The department <u>may</u> shall have power to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and compel the production of books, and papers, or other records, in written or electronic form, relevant pertinent to any investigation of personnel practices

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or hearing authorized by this chapter. Any person who <u>fails</u> shall fail to appear in response to a subpoena or to answer any question or produce any books or papers <u>relevant</u> pertinent to any such investigation or hearing or who shall knowingly gives give false testimony <u>commits</u> therein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(2) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 18. Section 110.127, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.127 Penalties.-

- (1) Any person who willfully violates any provision of this chapter or of any rules adopted pursuant to this chapter commits the authority herein granted is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
 - (2) The provisions of s. 112.011 to the contrary

 Notwithstanding s. 112.011, any person who is convicted of a misdemeanor under this chapter is shall be, for a period of 5 years, ineligible for appointment to or employment in a state position for 5 years in the state service and, if an employee of the state, shall forfeit his or her position.
- (3) Imposition of the penalties provided in this section $\underline{\text{may shall}}$ not be in lieu of any action $\underline{\text{that}}$ which may be taken or penalties $\underline{\text{that}}$ which may be imposed pursuant to part III of chapter 112.
- (4) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

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Section 19. Section 110.2037, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 110.182, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- 110.182 110.2037 Alternative benefits; Tax-sheltered annual leave and sick leave payments and special compensation payments.
- (1) The department <u>may</u> of <u>Management Services has authority</u> to adopt tax-sheltered plans under s. 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code for <u>state</u> employees who are eligible for payment for accumulated leave. <u>The department</u>, Upon adoption of the plans, <u>the department</u> shall contract for a private vendor or vendors to administer the plans.
- (a) These plans are shall be limited to state employees who are over age 55 and who are: eligible for accumulated leave and special compensation payments and separating from employment with 10 years of service in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, or who are participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Program on or after July 1, 2001.
- (b) The plans must provide benefits in a manner that minimizes the tax liability of the state and participants.
- (c) The plans must be funded by employer contributions of payments for accumulated leave or special compensation payments, or both, as specified by the department.
- (d) The plans must have received all necessary federal and state approval as required by law, must not adversely impact the qualified status of the Florida Retirement System defined benefit or defined contribution plans or the pretax benefits program, and must comply with the provisions of s. 112.65.

 Adoption of any plan is contingent on: the department receiving

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appropriate favorable rulings from the Internal Revenue Service; the department negotiating under the provisions of chapter 447, where applicable; and the Chief Financial Officer making appropriate changes to the state payroll system.

- (e) The department's request for proposals by vendors for such plans may require that the vendors provide market-risk or volatility ratings from recognized rating agencies for each of their investment products.
- (f) The department shall provide for a system of continuous quality assurance oversight to ensure that the program objectives are achieved and that the program is prudently managed.
- (2) Within 30 days after termination of employment, an employee may elect to withdraw the moneys and no without penalty may be assessed by the plan administrator. If an any employee is adversely affected by payment of an excise tax or an any Internal Revenue Service penalty by withdrawing electing to withdraw funds within 30 days, the plan must shall include a provision that provides which will provide the employee with no less cash than if the employee had not participated in the plan.
- (3) These contracts may be used by any other pay plans or personnel systems in the executive, legislative, or judicial branches of government upon approval of the appropriate administrative authority.
- (4) Notwithstanding the terminal pay provisions of s.

 112.913 110.122, the department may contract for a tax-sheltered plan for leave and special compensation pay for employees who are terminating over age 55 and have with 10 years of service, and for employees participating in the Deferred Retirement

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Option Program on or after July 1, 2001, and who are over age
55. The frequency of payments into the plan shall be determined
by the department or as provided in the General Appropriations
Act. This plan <u>must or plans shall</u> provide the greatest tax
benefits to the employees and maximize the savings to the state.

- (5) The department shall determine by rule the design of the plans and the eligibility of participants.
- (6) Nothing in This section does not shall be construed to remove plan participants from the scope of s. $\underline{112.913(5)}$ $\underline{110.122(5)}$.
- (7) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 20. Section 110.183, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

110.183 Collective bargaining.—The department shall coordinate with the Governor and the state agencies on personnel matters falling within the scope of collective bargaining and shall represent the Governor in collective bargaining negotiations and other collective bargaining matters as necessary. All discussions relative to collective bargaining between the department and the Governor, between the department and the agency heads, or between any of their respective representatives, are exempt from s. 286.011, and all work products relative to collective bargaining developed in conjunction with such discussions are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1).

1216 Section 21. Section 110.184, Florida Statutes, is created 1217 to read:

110.184 Workforce report.—The department shall prepare a

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workforce report on human resources in the State Personnel

System. The report shall provide data and identify trends for

- 1221 planning and improving the management of the State Personnel
- 1222 System. The department shall annually submit the report to the
- 1223 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
- 1224 House of Representatives.
- 1225 Section 22. The Division of Statutory Revision is requested
- 1226 to rename part II of chapter 110, Florida Statutes, as "Civil
- 1227 Service."
- Section 23. Section 110.202, Florida Statutes, is created
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- 1230 <u>110.202 Declaration of policy.—This part creates the Civil</u>
- 1231 <u>Service System within the State Personnel System as required by</u>
- 1232 s. 14, Art. III of the State Constitution.
- Section 24. Section 110.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1235 110.205 Civil Career Service; exemptions.—
 - (1) <u>CIVIL SERVICE CAREER POSITIONS.—The Civil career</u>
 Service to which this part applies includes all positions within the State Personnel System not specifically exempted by this section part, notwithstanding any other provisions of <u>law</u> the Florida Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding.
 - (2) EXEMPT POSITIONS.—The exempt positions that are not covered by this part include the following positions are exempted from the Civil Service:
 - (a) <u>Elected officers.—All</u> officers of the executive branch elected by popular vote and persons appointed to fill vacancies in such offices. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the salary and benefits for <u>an</u> <u>any such</u> officer who serves as the head of <u>an</u>

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1248 <u>agency a department</u> shall be set by the Department <u>of Management</u>
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- (b) <u>Legislative branch.—All members</u>, officers, and employees of the legislative branch, except for the members, officers, and employees of the Florida Public Service Commission.
- (c) <u>Judicial branch.—All members</u>, officers, and employees of the judicial branch.
- (d) <u>State universities.</u>—All officers and employees of the state universities and the academic personnel and academic administrative personnel of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. In accordance with the provisions of s. 1002.36, the salaries for academic personnel and academic administrative personnel of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall be set by the board of trustees for the school, subject only to the approval of the State Board of Education.
- (e) The Chief Information Officer in the Agency for Enterprise Information Technology. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the Agency for Enterprise Information Technology shall set the salary and benefits of this position in accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service.
- (e) (f) Members of boards and commissions.—All members of state boards and commissions, however selected. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the salary and benefits for any full-time board or commission member shall be set by the Department of Management Services in accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service.
 - (g) Judges, referees, and receivers.

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(h) Patients or inmates in state institutions.

<u>(f)(i)</u> Time-limited positions.—All positions that are established for a limited period of time for the purpose of conducting a special study, project, or investigation and any person paid from an other-personal-services appropriation.

Unless otherwise fixed by law, the salaries for such positions and persons shall be set in accordance with rules established by the employing agency for other-personal-services payments pursuant to s. 112.907 110.131.

(g) (j) Executive-level positions.—The appointed secretaries and the State Surgeon General, assistant secretaries, deputy secretaries, and deputy assistant secretaries of all agencies departments; the executive directors, assistant executive directors, deputy executive directors, and deputy assistant executive directors of all agencies departments; the directors of all divisions and those positions determined by the Department of Management Services to have managerial responsibilities comparable to such positions, including which positions include, but are not limited to, program directors, assistant program directors, district administrators, deputy district administrators, general counsels, chief cabinet aides, public information administrators or comparable position for a cabinet officer, inspectors general, or legislative affairs directors the Director of Central Operations Services of the Department of Children and Family Services, the State Transportation Development Administrator, State Public Transportation and Modal Administrator, district secretaries, district directors of transportation development, transportation operations, transportation support, and the managers of the

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20.23(4)(b), the county health department directors and county health department administrators of the Department of Health, and the one additional position that may be designated by each agency and that reports directly to the agency head or to a position in the Senior Management Service and whose additional costs are absorbed from the existing budget of that agency of the Department of Transportation. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the Department of Management Services shall set the salary and benefits of these positions in accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service; and the county health department directors and county health department administrators of the Department of Health.

- (k) The personal secretary to the incumbent of each position exempted in paragraphs (a), (e), and (j). Unless otherwise fixed by law, the department shall set the salary and benefits of these positions in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service.
- (h) (1) Executive Office of the Governor.—All officers and employees in the office of the Governor, including all employees at the Governor's mansion, and employees within each separate budget entity, as defined in chapter 216, assigned to the Governor. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the salary and benefits of these positions shall be set by the Department of Management Services as follows:
- 1. The chief of staff, the assistant or deputy chief of staff, general counsel, Director of Legislative Affairs, chief inspector general, Director of Cabinet Affairs, Director of Press Relations, Director of Planning and Budgeting, Director of

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Administration, director of state-federal relations, Director of Appointments, Director of External Affairs, Deputy General Counsel, Governor's liaison for community development, chief of staff for the Lieutenant Governor, deputy director of planning and budgeting, policy coordinators, and the director of each separate budget entity shall have their salaries and benefits set established by the department in accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service.

- 2. The salaries and benefits of positions not established in <u>subparagraph 1.</u> <u>sub-subparagraph a.</u> shall be set by the employing agency. Salaries and benefits of employees whose professional training is comparable to that of licensed professionals under paragraph (n) (r), or whose administrative responsibility is comparable to a bureau chief shall be set by the rules of the Selected Exempt Service. The Department of Management Services shall make the comparability determinations. Other employees shall have benefits set comparable to legislative staff, except leave shall be comparable to <u>civil</u> career service as if career service employees.
- (i) (m) Upper management positions.—All assistant division director, deputy division director, and bureau chief positions in any agency department, and those positions determined by the Department of Management Services to have managerial responsibilities comparable to such positions. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the salaries of benefits of these positions shall be set by the Department of Management Services in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service. These positions, which include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Positions in the Department of Health and the Department

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of Children and Family Services which that are assigned primary duties of serving as the superintendent or assistant superintendent of an institution.

- 2. Positions in the Department of Corrections which that are assigned primary duties of serving as the warden, assistant warden, colonel, or major of an institution or which that are assigned primary duties of serving as the circuit administrator or deputy circuit administrator.
- 3. Positions in the Department of Transportation which that are assigned primary duties of serving as regional toll managers and managers of offices, as defined in s. 20.23(4) (b) and (5) (c).
- 4. Positions in the Department of Environmental Protection which that are assigned the duty of an environmental administrator or program administrator.
- 5. Positions in the Department of Health which that are assigned the duties of environmental administrator, assistant county health department director, and county health department financial administrator.
- 6. Positions in the Department of Children and Family
 Services which are assigned the duties of staff director,
 assistant staff director, district program manager, district
 program coordinator, district administrator, district
 administrative services director, district attorney, and the
 deputy director of central operations services.

Unless otherwise fixed by law, the department shall set the salary and benefits of the positions listed in this paragraph in accordance with the rules established for the Selected Exempt

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(j) (n) Other managerial or policymaking positions.—

1.a. In addition to those positions exempted by other paragraphs of this subsection, each agency department head may designate a maximum of 20 policymaking or managerial positions, as defined by the Department of Management Services and approved by the Administration Commission, as being exempt from the Civil Career Service System. Civil Career service employees who occupy a position designated as a position in the Selected Exempt Service under this paragraph may shall have the right to remain in the Civil Career Service System by opting to serve in a position not exempted by the employing agency. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the Department of Management Services shall set the salary and benefits of these positions in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service; provided, however, that if the agency head determines that the general counsel, chief Cabinet aide, public information administrator comparable position for a Cabinet officer, inspector general, or legislative affairs director has both policymaking and managerial responsibilities and if the department determines that any such position has both policymaking and managerial responsibilities, the salary and benefits for each such position shall be established by the department in accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service.

b. In addition, each department may designate one additional position in the Senior Management Service if that position reports directly to the agency head or to a position in the Senior Management Service and if any additional costs are absorbed from the existing budget of that department.

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2. If otherwise exempt <u>from the Civil Service</u>, employees of the Public Employees Relations Commission, the Commission on Human Relations, and the Unemployment Appeals Commission, upon the certification of their respective commission heads, may, <u>if otherwise qualified</u>, be provided for under this paragraph as members of the Senior Management Service, <u>if otherwise</u> qualified. However, the deputy general counsel of the Public Employees Relations Commission shall be compensated <u>in</u> accordance with <u>as members of</u> the Selected Exempt Service.

- (k) Specialized managerial positions.-
- 1. The Department of Management Services shall set the salary and benefits for the following positions in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service.
- a. Pursuant to s. 447.203(4), managerial employees who perform jobs that are not of a routine, clerical, or ministerial nature and require the exercise of independent judgment in the performance of such jobs and to whom one or more of the following applies: formulate or assist in formulating policies applicable to bargaining unit employees; assist in the preparation for the conduct of collective bargaining negotiations; administer agreements resulting from collective bargaining negotiations; have a significant role in personnel administration; have a significant role in employee relations; or have a significant role in the preparation or administration of the final budget for any public agency or institution or subdivision including having the authority to select and approve among alternative expenditures when necessary.
- b. Pursuant to s. 447.203(5), employees who act in a confidential capacity to assist or aid managerial employees who

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- c. All supervisory employees, including supervisors, administrators and directors, who customarily and regularly plan and direct the work of two or more full-time employees or the equivalent, and who communicate with, motivate, train, and evaluate employees, and who have the authority to hire, transfer, suspend, layoff, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline subordinate employees or, effectively, to recommend such action.
- 2. The exemptions provided in this paragraph are not applicable to the following:
- <u>a. Managerial and supervisory employees who are designated</u> as special risk or special risk administrative support;
- <u>b. Attorneys who serve as administrative law judges</u>
 pursuant to s. 120.65 or for hearings conducted pursuant to s.
 120.57(1)(a); and
- <u>c. Professional health care providers as defined in s.</u>
 110.1054, unless otherwise collectively bargained.
- (1) (e) Public Service Commission.—The executive director, deputy executive director, general counsel, inspector general, official reporters, and division directors within the Public Service Commission and the personal secretary and personal assistant to each member of the Public Service Commission.

 Unless otherwise fixed by law, the salary and benefits of the executive director, deputy executive directors, general counsel, inspector general, and the directors of all divisions and those

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positions determined to have managerial responsibilities comparable to such positions Director of Administration,
Director of Appeals, Director of Auditing and Financial
Analysis, Director of Communications, Director of Consumer
Affairs, Director of Electric and Gas, Director of Information
Processing, Director of Legal Services, Director of Records and
Reporting, Director of Research, and Director of Water and Sewer
shall be set by the department in accordance with the rules of
the Senior Management Service. The salary and benefits of the
personal secretary and the personal assistant of each member of
the commission and the official reporters shall be set by the
Department of Management Services in accordance with the rules
of the Selected Exempt Service, notwithstanding any salary
limitations imposed by law for the official reporters.

(m) (p) Department of Military Affairs. -

- 1. All military personnel of the Department of Military Affairs. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the salary and benefits for such military personnel shall be set by the Department of Military Affairs in accordance with the appropriate military pay schedule.
- 2. The <u>salary and benefits of</u> military police chiefs, military police officers, firefighter trainers, firefighter-rescuers, and electronic security system technicians shall <u>be have salary and benefits</u> the same as <u>civil career</u> service employees.
- (q) The staff directors, assistant staff directors, district program managers, district program coordinators, district subdistrict administrators, district administrative services directors, district attorneys, and the Deputy Director

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of Central Operations Services of the Department of Children and Family Services. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the Department shall establish the pay band and benefits for these positions in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service.

(n) (r) Professional licensure.—All positions not otherwise exempt under this subsection which require as a prerequisite to employment: licensure as a physician pursuant to chapter 458; licensure as an osteopathic physician pursuant to chapter $459;_{\tau}$ licensure as a chiropractic physician pursuant to chapter 460, including those positions that which are occupied by employees who are exempted from licensure pursuant to s. 409.352; licensure as an engineer pursuant to chapter 471, which are supervisory positions; or for 12 calendar months, which require as a prerequisite to employment that the employee have received the degree of Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association and thereafter membership in The Florida Bar, except for any attorney who serves as an administrative law judge pursuant to s. 120.65 or for hearings conducted pursuant to s. 120.57(1)(a). Unless otherwise fixed by law, the Department of Management Services shall set the salary and benefits for these positions in accordance with the rules of established for the Selected Exempt Service.

(o) (s) Statewide prosecutor.—The statewide prosecutor in charge of the Office of Statewide Prosecution of the Department of Legal Affairs and all employees in the office. The Department of Legal Affairs shall set the salary of these positions.

(p) (t) Executive directors of regulatory boards and commissions.—The executive director of each board or commission

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established within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the Department of Health. Unless otherwise fixed by law, the Department of Management Services shall set establish the salary and benefits for these positions in accordance with the rules of established for the Selected Exempt Service.

- (q) (u) State Board of Administration.—All officers and employees of the State Board of Administration. The State Board of Administration shall set the salary salaries and benefits of these positions.
- (v) Positions that are leased pursuant to a state employee lease agreement expressly authorized by the Legislature pursuant to s. 110.191.
- (w) Managerial employees, as defined in s. 447.203(4), confidential employees, as defined in s. 447.203(5), and supervisory employees who spend the majority of their time communicating with, motivating, training, and evaluating employees, and planning and directing employees' work, and who have the authority to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline subordinate employees or effectively recommend such action, including all employees serving as supervisors, administrators, and directors. Excluded are employees also designated as special risk or special risk administrative support and attorneys who serve as administrative law judges pursuant to s. 120.65 or for hearings conducted pursuant to s. 120.57(1)(a). Additionally, registered nurses licensed under chapter 464, dentists licensed under chapter 466, psychologists licensed under chapter 490 or chapter 491, nutritionists or dietitians licensed under part X of

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chapter 468, pharmacists licensed under chapter 465,
psychological specialists licensed under chapter 491, physical
therapists licensed under chapter 486, and speech therapists
licensed under part I of chapter 468 are excluded, unless
otherwise collectively bargained.

- <u>(r) (x)</u> <u>Justice Administration Commission and similar</u>
 <u>entities.—</u>All officers and employees of the Justice
 Administrative Commission, Office of the State Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, regional offices of capital collateral counsel, offices of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office, including the circuit guardian ad litem programs and the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.
- (s) Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.—In accordance with s. 1002.36, the salaries for academic personnel and academic administrative personnel of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall be set by the board of trustees for the school, subject only to the approval of the State Board of Education.
 - (t) Miscellaneous positions.-
- 1. The Chief Information Officer in the Agency for
 Enterprise Information Technology. Unless otherwise fixed by
 law, the agency shall set the salary and benefits of this
 position in accordance with the rules of the Senior Management
 Service.
- 2. The chief inspector of the boiler inspection program of the Department of Financial Services. The pay band of this position shall be set by the Department of Management Services in accordance with the classification and pay plan established

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3. The personal assistant to the incumbent of each position exempted in paragraph (a), paragraph (g), or subparagraph 1.

Unless otherwise fixed by law, the Department of Management

Services shall set the salary and benefits of these positions in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service.

- 4. Positions that are leased pursuant to a state employee lease agreement expressly authorized by the Legislature pursuant to s. 112.922.
 - 5. Judges, referees, and receivers of the executive branch.
- $\underline{\text{6. Positions held by patients or inmates in state}}$ institutions.
- (3) PARTIAL EXEMPTION OF DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.—
 Employees of the Department of Law Enforcement shall be subject to the provisions of s. 110.227, except in matters relating to transfer.
- (4) DEFINITION OF DEPARTMENT. When used in this section, the term "department" shall mean all departments and commissions of the executive branch, whether created by the State Constitution or chapter 20; the office of the Governor; and the Public Service Commission; however, the term "department" shall mean the Department of Management Services when used in the context of the authority to establish pay bands and benefits.
- (3)(5) POSITIONS EXEMPTED BY OTHER STATUTES.—If any position is exempted from the <u>Civil</u> career Service by any other statute and the personnel system to which that position is assigned is not specifically included in the statute, the position shall be placed in the Selected Exempt Service, and the Department of Management Services shall set establish the pay

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band and benefits for that position in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service.

- (4) RULES.—The Department of Management Services may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
- (6) EXEMPTION OF CHIEF INSPECTOR OF BOILER SAFETY PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES.—In addition to those positions exempted from this part, there is hereby exempted from the Career Service System the chief inspector of the boiler inspection program of the Department of Financial Services. The pay band of this position shall be established by the Department of Management Services in accordance with the classification and pay plan established for the Selected Exempt Service.
- (7) CARRYING LEAVE FORWARD.—If an employee is transferred or otherwise moves from the Career Service System into the Selected Exempt Service, all of the employee's unused annual leave, unused sick leave, and unused compensatory leave shall carry forward with the employee.
- Section 25. Section 110.208, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 110.208 Classification system.—The department shall establish and maintain a uniform classification system applicable to all positions in the Civil Service and shall be responsible for the overall coordination, review, and maintenance of the system. A position may not be filled until it has been classified in accordance with the system.
 - (1) The system must include:
- (a) A position classification system using job families, occupational groups, and a broadband level structure for each occupation within an occupational group.

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(b) A pay plan that provides broad-based pay bands for each occupational group.

- (2) In establishing and administering the system, the department:
- (a) Shall develop occupation profiles necessary for the establishment of new occupations or for the revision of existing occupations, and shall establish the appropriate occupation title and broadband level code for each occupation. The occupation profiles, titles, and codes are not rules within the meaning of s. 120.52.
- (b) Shall be responsible for conducting periodic studies and surveys to ensure that the classification system is maintained on a current basis.
- (c) May review in a postaudit capacity the action taken by an agency in classifying or reclassifying a position.
- (d) Shall effect a classification change on any classification or reclassification action taken by an agency if the action taken by the agency was not based on the duties and responsibilities officially assigned the position as they relate to the concepts and description contained in the official occupation profile and the level definition provided in the occupational group characteristics adopted by the department.
- (e) Shall adopt rules necessary to administer the classification system.
- (3) Each state agency is responsible for the day-to-day application of the classification system established by the department. The agency:
- (a) Shall maintain an up-to-date position description for each authorized and established position assigned to the agency.

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The position description must include an accurate description of
assigned duties and responsibilities and other pertinent
information relating to a position and serves as a record of the
official assignment of duties to the position. The description
shall be used to compare positions in order to ensure the
uniformity of classifications.

- (b) May classify positions authorized by the Legislature or pursuant to s. 216.262, classify positions that are added in lieu of positions deleted pursuant to s. 216.262, and reclassify established positions. Classification and reclassification actions taken by an agency must be within the classification system occupations established by the department, shall be funded within the limits of currently authorized appropriations, and must be in accordance with the uniform procedures established by the department.
- Section 26. Section 110.2085, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 110.2085 Pay plan.-
- (1) The department shall establish and maintain an equitable pay plan that applies to all positions in the Civil Service and shall be responsible for the overall review, coordination, and administration of the pay plan.
- (2) The department shall provide market-based pay bands for occupational groups and establish guidelines for state agencies to use when moving employees through such pay bands.
- (a) The agencies may determine the appropriate salary within the pay bands using the guidelines developed by the department. Such pay bands, and the assignment of broadband levels to positions, are not rules within the meaning of s.

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- (b) The department, in consultation with the Executive
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 committees, shall conduct compensation surveys as necessary for
 the purpose of achieving an equitable, competitive, market-based
 pay policy.
- (3) The department shall establish rules for the administration of pay additives and shall delegate to the state agencies, where appropriate, the authority to implement pay additives. The agency must use pay additives, as appropriate, within the guidelines established by the department and consistent with directions contained in the General Appropriations Act.
 - (a) The following pay additives are authorized:
- 1726 <u>1. Shift differentials.</u>
- 1727 2. On-call.
 - 3. Hazardous duty.
 - 4. Lead-worker duty.
 - 5. Temporary special duties general.
- 1731 6. Temporary special duties absent coworker.
 - Trainer duties.
 - 8. Competitive area differentials.
- 9. Critical market pay.
- 1735 (b) Each state agency shall include in its annual

 1736 legislative budget request a proposed written plan for

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- submitted by the agency to the department for review and

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recommendation to the Executive Office of the Governor. Such revisions may be implemented only after approval by the

- Executive Office of the Governor. A proposed revision is deemed to be action subject to s. 216.177.
 - (c) A new competitive area differential or a new critical market pay additive may not be implemented unless the department has reviewed and recommended such action and the Legislature has provided express authority to implement such action. This applies to an increase in the level of competitive area differentials and critical market pay additives, and to the initial establishment and implementation of a competitive area differential or critical market pay additive not in effect as of January 1, 2012.
 - (d) An agency may implement shift differential additives, on-call additives, hazardous duty additives, lead-worker additives, temporary special duties absent coworker additives, and trainer additives as necessary to accomplish the mission of the agency and in accordance with department rules, instructions contained in the General Appropriations Act, and applicable collective bargaining agreements.
 - (e) The department shall annually provide to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Legislature a summary report of the pay additives implemented pursuant to this section.
 - (4) A state agency may implement salary increase and decrease corrections due to administrative errors.
- 1766 (5) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
 - Section 27. Section 110.211, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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110.211 Recruitment.

- (1) Recruiting shall be planned and carried out to ensure in a manner that assures open competition based upon current and projected employing agency needs, taking into consideration the number and types of positions to be filled and the labor market conditions, with special emphasis placed on recruiting efforts that to attract minorities, women, or other groups that are underrepresented in the workforce of a state the employing agency.
- (2) Recruiting efforts to fill current or projected vacancies shall be carried out in the sound discretion of the agency head.
- (3) Recruiting shall seek efficiency in advertising and may be assisted by a contracted vendor responsible for maintenance of the personnel data.
- (4) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section. All recruitment literature involving state position vacancies shall contain the phrase "An Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer."

Section 28. Section 110.213, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.213 Selection.-

- (1) Selection for appointment from among the most qualified candidates is shall be the sole responsibility of the employing state agency. All new employees must successfully complete at least a 1-year probationary period before attainment of permanent status.
- (2) Selection shall reflect efficiency and simplicity in hiring procedures. The agency head or a his or her designee

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shall be required to document the qualifications of the selected candidate to ensure that the candidate meets the position minimum requirements as specified by the employing agency; meets the licensure, certification, or registration requirements, if any, as specified by statute; and possesses the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for the position. No other documentation or justification is shall be required before prior to selecting a candidate for a position.

(3) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 29. Section 110.2135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.2135 <u>Veterans'</u> preference in employment, reemployment, promotion, and retention.—
- (1) Preference in employment, reemployment, promotion, and retention shall be given to an eligible veteran pursuant to ss. 295.07, 295.08, 295.085, and 295.09 <u>if as long as</u> the veteran meets the minimum eligibility requirements and has the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the particular position.
- (2) A disabled veteran employed as the result of being placed at the top of the appropriate employment list under the provisions of s. 295.08 or s. 295.085 shall be appointed for a probationary period of 1 year. At the end of such period, if the work of the veteran has been satisfactorily performed, the veteran will acquire merit permanent employment status in his or her position and will be subject to the employment rules of the department of Management Services and the agency employing the veteran veteran's employing agency.

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(3) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 30. Section 110.215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.215 Examinations and other employment qualification assessments administered to persons having disabilities.—
- (1) The purpose of this section is to further the policy of the State <u>Personnel System</u> to encourage and assist persons having disabilities to achieve maximum personal and vocational independence through useful and productive gainful employment by eliminating unwarranted barriers to their qualifying competitively for <u>civil</u> state career service jobs.
 - (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Agency" includes each department and agency of the state.
- (a) (b) "Disability" means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or a record of having such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment.
- (b) (c) "Examination" includes employment tests and other structured, systematic instruments used to assess the essential knowledge, skills, abilities, minimum qualifications, and other job-related requirements possessed by an applicant as a basis for any employment decision by an agency.
- (3) An applicant for employment within the <u>Civil</u> State Career Service System who has a disability that impairs sensory, speaking, or manual skills may require an agency to administer <u>an</u> any examination to him or her in a format and manner that

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does not require use of an impaired skill, unless the test is designed to measure that skill. An applicant may request a reasonable accommodation in a test format on the basis of a disability.

(4) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 31. Section 110.217, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.217 Appointment actions and status Appointments and promotion.—
- (1) (a) The department, in consultation with agencies that must comply with these rules, shall develop uniform rules regarding original appointment, promotion, demotion, reassignment, lateral action, separation, and status which must be used by state employing agencies. Such rules must be approved by the Administration Commission before their adoption by the department.
- (b) Employing agencies may seek exceptions to these uniform rules by filing a petition with the Administration Commission. The Administration Commission shall approve an exception when the exception is necessary to conform to any requirement imposed as a condition precedent to receipt of federal funds or to permit persons in this state to receive tax benefits under federal law, or as required for the most efficient operation of the agency as determined by the Administration Commission. The reasons for the exception must be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly.
- (c) Agency rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules may not be filed with the Department of State unless the

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Administration Commission has approved the exceptions. Each agency that adopts rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules or that must comply with statutory requirements that conflict with the uniform rules must have a separate chapter published in the Florida Administrative Code that delineates clearly the provisions of the agency's rules which provide exceptions or are based upon a conflicting statutory requirement. Each alternative chosen from those authorized by the uniform rules must be specified. Each chapter must be organized in the same manner as the uniform rules.

- (2) An employee appointed on probationary status shall attain merit status in his or her current position upon successful completion of at least a 1-year probationary period. An employee who has not attained merit status in his or her current position serves at the pleasure of the agency head and may be dismissed at the discretion of the agency head.
- (3) If an employee who has received an internal agency promotion from a position in which the employee held merit status is to be dismissed from the promotional position for failure to meet the established performance standards of the promotional position while in probationary status, the agency, before dismissal, shall attempt to return the employee to his or her former position, or to a position with the same duties and responsibilities as the former position, if such a position is vacant. Such determinations by an agency are not appealable and this subsection does not apply to dismissals for any other reason.
- (2) Each employing agency shall have the responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of rules and guidelines for

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1915 determining eligibility of applicants for appointment to 1916 positions in the career service.

- (3) Eligibility shall be based on possession of required minimum qualifications for the job class and any required entry-level knowledge, skills, and abilities, and any certification and licensure required for a particular position.
- (4) The employing agency shall be responsible for developing an employee career advancement program which shall assure consideration of qualified permanent employees in the agency or career service who apply. However, such program shall also include provisions to bring persons into the career service through open competition. Promotion appointments shall be subject to postaudit by the department.
- (5) The department shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section. The rules must be approved by a majority vote of the Administration Commission prior to their adoption by the department.
- Section 32. Section 110.219, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 110.219 Attendance and leave; general policies.-
- (1) The workday for each full-time state employee shall be 8 hours or as otherwise authorized justified by the agency head.
 - (2) Overtime may be required for any employee.
- (3) The granting of any leave of absence, with or without pay, shall be in accordance with applicable state or federal laws and the rules of the State Personnel System writing and shall be approved by the agency head. Those employees who, at the discretion of the agency, are An employee who is granted a leave of absence remain employees of the agency with or without

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pay shall be an employee of the state while on such leave and shall be returned to the same or comparable position or a different position in the same class and same work location upon termination of the approved leave of absence in accordance with the rules of the State Personnel System. The agency head and the employee may agree in writing to other conditions and terms under which the leave is to be granted.

- (4) Each agency shall keep an accurate record of all hours of work performed by each employee, as well as a complete and accurate record of all authorized leave which is approved. The ultimate responsibility for the accuracy and proper maintenance of all attendance and leave records shall be with the agency head.
- <u>(4) (5)</u> Rules shall be adopted by The department shall adopt rules to administer in cooperation and consultation with the agencies to implement the provisions of this section; however, such rules must be approved by the Administration Commission prior to their adoption. Such rules must provide for, but need not be limited to:
- (a) The maximum responsibility and authority resting with each agency head to administer attendance and leave matters in the agency within the parameters of the rules adopted by the department.
- (b) Creditable service in which 1 month of Service credit as it relates to the accrual and payment of leave is awarded for each calendar month that the employee is on the payroll of a state agency or during which the employee is on authorized leave without pay.
 - (c) Holidays as provided in s. 112.929 110.117.

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- (e) Annual leave provisions.
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- (h) Family medical leave provisions.
- (i) Disability leave provisions.
- (j) Compulsory disability leave provisions.
- (k) Administrative leave provisions.
- (1) Military leave provisions.
- (m) Educational leave with pay provisions.
- (n) Leave of absence without pay provisions.
- (6) The leave benefits provided to Senior Management
 Service employees shall not exceed those provided to employees
 in the Selected Exempt Service.
- (5) (7) Subject to available funds, each December, a civil permanent career service employee who has merit status or who currently has probationary status due to a promotion that was preceded by the attainment of merit status is entitled shall be entitled, subject to available funds, to a payout of up to 24 hours of unused annual leave if the as follows:
- (a) A permanent career service employee has must have an annual leave balance of at least no less than 24 hours, after the payout, in order to qualify for this benefit.
- (6) (b) A civil No permanent career service employee may not shall receive a payout of greater than 240 hours over the course of the employee's career within with the Civil Service state, including any leave received at the time of separation.
- Section 33. Section 110.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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110.221 Parental or family medical leave.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Family" means a child, parent, or spouse., and the
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- (b) "Family medical leave" means leave requested by an employee for a serious family illness including an accident, disease, or condition that poses imminent danger of death, requires hospitalization involving an organ transplant, limb amputation, or other procedure of similar severity, or any mental or physical condition that requires constant in-home care. The term
- (c) "Parental leave" means leave for the father or mother of a child who is born to or adopted by that parent.
 - (2) The state may shall not:
- (a) Terminate the employment of <u>a civil service</u> any employee in the career service because of the pregnancy of the employee or the employee's spouse or the adoption of a child by that employee.
- (b) Refuse to grant to a <u>civil</u> career service employee parental or family medical leave without pay for a period not to exceed 6 months. Such leave <u>commences</u> shall commence on a date that is determined by the employee in consultation with the attending physician following notification to the employer in writing, and that is approved by the employer.
- (c) Deny a <u>civil</u> career service employee the use of and payment for annual leave credits for parental or family medical leave. Such leave <u>commences</u> shall commence on a date determined by the employee in consultation with the attending physician following notification to the employer in writing.

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(d) Deny a <u>civil</u> career service employee the use of and payment for accrued sick leave or family sick leave for any reason deemed necessary by a physician or as established by policy.

- (e) Require that a <u>civil</u> career service employee take a mandatory parental or family medical leave.
- (3) Upon returning at the end of parental or family medical leave of absence, such employee shall be reinstated to the same job or to an equivalent position that has with equivalent pay and with seniority, retirement, fringe benefits, and other service credits accumulated before prior to the leave period. If any portion of the parental or family medical leave is paid leave, the employee is shall be entitled to accumulate all benefits granted under paid leave status.
- (4) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 34. Section 110.224, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.224 Public Employee performance evaluation system.—An Apublic employee performance evaluation system shall be established as a basis for evaluating and improving the performance of the state's workforce, to inform employees of strong and weak points in the employee's performance, to identify training needs, and to award lump-sum bonuses and other performance-based incentives in accordance with s. 110.1245 or other provisions of law 110.1245(2).
- (1) Upon original appointment, promotion, demotion, or reassignment, a job description of the <u>assigned</u> position assigned must be made available to the <u>civil career</u> service

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employee. The job description may be made available in an electronic format.

- (2) Each employee shall must have a performance evaluation conducted at least annually which involves both, and the employee must receive an oral and written assessment of his or her performance evaluation. The performance evaluation may include a plan of action for improvement of the employee's performance based on the work expectations or performance standards applicable to the position as determined by the agency head.
- (3) The department may adopt rules <u>necessary</u> to administer this section the public employee performance evaluation system which establish procedures for performance evaluation, review periods, and forms.

Section 35. Section 110.227, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.227 Suspensions, dismissals, reductions in pay, demotions, layoffs, transfers, and grievances.—
- (1) An Any employee who has satisfactorily completed at least a 1-year probationary period in his or her current position may be suspended or dismissed only for cause. Cause includes shall include, but is not limited to, poor performance, negligence, inefficiency or inability to perform assigned duties, insubordination, violation of the provisions of law or agency rules, conduct unbecoming a public employee, misconduct, habitual drug abuse, or conviction of any crime. The agency head shall ensure that all employees of the agency have reasonable access to the agency's personnel policies and procedures manual.
 - (2) (a) The department shall establish rules and procedures

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for the suspension, reduction in pay, transfer, layoff, demotion, and dismissal of employees in the <u>Civil</u> career Service.

- (a) Except with regard to law enforcement or correctional officers, firefighters, or professional health care providers, rules regarding layoff procedures may shall not include any provision system whereby a civil career service employee with greater seniority has the option of selecting a different position not being eliminated, but either vacant or already occupied by an employee who has of less seniority, and taking that position, commonly referred to as "bumping."
- (b) For the implementation of layoffs as defined in s. 110.1054 110.107, the department shall develop rules requiring retention of the agency's employees based upon objective measures that give consideration to comparative merit, demonstrated skills, the employee's experience, and the employee's length of service in the Civil Service. Such rules shall be approved by the Administration Commission before their adoption by the department.
- (3) $\overline{\text{(a)}}$ With regard to law enforcement or correctional officers, firefighters, or professional health care providers: $\overline{\cdot}_{\tau}$ when
- (a) If a layoff becomes necessary, such layoff shall be conducted within the competitive area identified by the agency head and approved by the department of Management Services. Such competitive area shall be established taking into consideration the similarity of work; the organizational unit, which may be by agency, department, division, bureau, or other organizational unit; and the commuting area for the affected work affected.

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(b) With regard to law enforcement or correctional officers, firefighters, or professional health care providers, Layoff procedures shall be developed to establish the relative merit and fitness of employees and <u>must shall</u> include a formula for uniform application among all employees in the competitive area, taking into consideration the type of appointment, the length of service, and the evaluations of the employee's performance within the last 5 years of employment.

- (4) A grievance process shall be available to <u>civil</u> career service employees who have satisfactorily completed at least a 1-year probationary period in their current positions. A grievance <u>is defined as the dissatisfaction that</u> occurs when an employee believes that any condition affecting the employee is unjust, inequitable, or a hindrance to <u>the</u> effective <u>performance of his or her job duties operation</u>. Claims of discrimination and sexual harassment or claims related to suspensions, reductions in pay, demotions, and dismissals are not subject to the <u>civil</u> career service grievance process. The following procedures <u>shall</u> apply to any grievance filed pursuant to this subsection, except that all timeframes may be extended in writing by mutual agreement:
- (a) Step One.—The employee <u>must</u> <u>may</u> submit a signed, written grievance on a form provided by the agency to his or her supervisor within 14 calendar days following the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance. The supervisor must meet with the employee to discuss the grievance and provide a written response to the employee within 7 business days following receipt of the grievance.
 - (b) Step Two.-If the employee is dissatisfied with the

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response of his or her supervisor, the employee <u>must may</u> submit the written grievance to the agency head or his or her designee within 7 business days following receipt of the supervisor's written response. The agency <u>head's head or his or her</u> designee <u>may must meet with the employee to discuss the grievance within 5 business days following receipt of the grievance. The agency head or his or her designee must respond in writing to the employee within 5 business days following <u>receipt of the grievance or the meeting</u>. The written decision of the agency head <u>or designee is shall be the final and binding authority</u> for all grievances filed pursuant to this subsection. Such grievances may not be appealed beyond Step Two.</u>

- (5) (a) A civil career service employee who has satisfactorily completed at least a 1-year probationary period and attained merit status in his or her current position and who is subject to a suspension, reduction in pay, demotion, involuntary transfer of more than 50 miles by highway, or dismissal shall receive written notice of such action at least 10 calendar days before prior to the date such action is to be taken.
- (a) Subsequent to such notice, and before prior to the date the action is to be taken, the affected employee shall be given an opportunity to appear before a designated agency official to rebut the agency or official taking the action to answer orally and in writing the charges against him or her orally or in writing. The notice to the employee required by this paragraph may be delivered to the employee personally or may be sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. Such actions are shall be appealable to the Public Employees Relations Commission

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as provided in subsection (6). Written notice of any such appeal shall be filed by the employee with the commission within 21 calendar days after the date on which the notice of suspension, reduction in pay, demotion, involuntary transfer of more than 50 miles by highway, or dismissal is received by the employee.

- (b) In extraordinary situations such as when the retention of a civil career service employee who has satisfactorily completed at least a 1-year probationary period in his or her current position may would result in damage to state property, may would be detrimental to the best interest of the state, or may would result in harm injury to the employee, a fellow employee, or some other person, such employee may be suspended or dismissed without 10 calendar days' prior notice if, provided that written or oral notice of such action, including evidence of the reasons therefor, and an opportunity to rebut the charges are furnished to the employee before prior to such dismissal or suspension. Such notice may be delivered to the employee personally or may be sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. Agency compliance with the foregoing procedure requiring notice, evidence, and an opportunity for rebuttal must be substantiated. Any employee who is suspended or dismissed pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph may appeal to the Public Employees Relations Commission as provided in subsection (6). Written notice of any such appeal shall be filed with the commission by the employee within 21 calendar days after the date on which the notice of suspension, reduction in pay, demotion, or dismissal is received by the employee.
- (c) Merit status that was attained in a previous position does not give rise to appeal rights under this section.

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(6) The following procedures shall apply to appeals filed pursuant to subsection (5) with the Public Employees Relations Commission, hereinafter referred to as the commission:

- (a) The commission must conduct a hearing within 60 calendar days following the filing of a notice of appeal. An No extension of time for the hearing may not exceed 30 calendar days, absent exceptional circumstances, and no extension of time may not be granted without the consent of all parties. Discovery may be granted only upon the showing of extraordinary circumstances. A party requesting discovery must shall demonstrate a substantial need for the information requested and an inability to obtain relevant information by other means. Except where inconsistent with the requirements of this subsection, the provisions of s. 447.503(4) and (5) and chapter 120 apply to proceedings held pursuant to this subsection.
- (b) A person may represent himself or herself in proceedings before the commission or may be represented by legal counsel or by <u>an any</u> individual who qualifies as a representative pursuant to rules adopted by the commission.
- (c) If the commission finds that cause did not exist for the agency action, the commission shall reverse the decision of the agency head and the employee shall be reinstated with or without back pay. If the commission finds that cause existed for the agency action, the commission shall affirm the decision of the agency head. The commission may not reduce the penalty imposed by the agency head, except in the case of law enforcement or correctional officers, firefighters, and professional health care providers, if the commission makes specific written findings of mitigation.

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(d) A recommended order shall be issued by the hearing officer within 30 days following the hearing. Exceptions to the recommended order <u>must shall</u> be filed within 15 days after the recommended order is issued. The final order shall be filed by the commission <u>within</u> no later than 45 calendar days after the hearing or after the filing of exceptions or oral arguments if granted.

- (e) Final orders issued by the commission pursuant to paragraph (d) are shall be reviewable as provided in s. 447.504.
- (7) Other than for law enforcement or correctional officers, firefighters, and professional health care providers, each suspension, dismissal, demotion, or reduction in pay must be reviewed without consideration of any other case or set of facts.
- (8) Employees of the Department of Law Enforcement are subject to this section, except in matters relating to transfer.
- (9) The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
- (8) A career service employee who is serving a probationary period in a position to which he or she has been promoted may be removed from that promotional position at any time during the probationary period but must be returned to his or her former position, or a comparable position, if such a position is vacant. If such a position is not available, before dismissal, the agency shall make a reasonable effort to retain the employee in another vacant position. This subsection does not apply to terminations for cause as described in subsection (1), nor does it create a right to "bump" an employee from an occupied position as described in paragraph (2)(a).

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Section 36. The Division of Statutory Revision is requested to renumber part V of chapter 110, Florida Statutes, as part III, consisting of ss. 110.302-110.3035, and to rename that part as "Selected Exempt Service."

Section 37. Section 110.601, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 110.302, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

110.302 110.601 Declaration of policy.—This part creates a system of personnel administration for management the purpose of delivering which is to deliver high-quality performance by selected exempt service those employees in the State Personnel System select exempt classifications by facilitating the state's ability to attract and retain qualified personnel in these positions, while also providing sufficient management flexibility to ensure that the workforce is responsive to agency needs. The Legislature recognizes that the public interest is best served by developing and refining the technical and managerial skills of these its selected exempt service employees, and, to this end, technical training and management development programs are regarded as a major administrative function within agencies.

Section 38. Section 110.602, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 110.3021, Florida Statues, and amended to read:

 $\underline{110.3021}$ $\underline{110.602}$ Selected Exempt Service; creation, coverage.

(1) The Selected Exempt Service is created as a separate system of personnel administration for select exempt positions in the State Personnel System which. Such positions shall

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exempt from the <u>Civil</u> Career Service System pursuant to s. 110.205(2) and (5) and for which the salaries and benefits are set by the department in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service. The department shall designate all positions included in the Selected Exempt Service as either managerial/policymaking, professional, or nonmanagerial/nonpolicymaking.

(2) Employees in the Selected Exempt Service shall serve at the pleasure of the agency head and are subject to personnel actions at the discretion of the agency head. Personnel actions that are tantamount to suspension, dismissal, reduction in pay, demotion, or transfer are exempt from chapter 120.

Section 39. 110.605, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 110.3022, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- 110.3022 110.605 Powers and duties; personnel rules, records, reports, and performance appraisal.—The department is responsible for the policy administration of the Selected Exempt Service. In carrying out that function the department shall:
- (1) Provide broad, market-based pay bands for occupations within the Selected Exempt Service and establish guidelines that allow state agencies flexibility to move employees through the pay bands. The agencies may determine the appropriate salary within the bands using the guidelines adopted by the department. The pay bands, and the assignment of bands to positions, do not constitute rules within the meaning of s. 120.52.
- (2) Establish a classification system and a salary and benefit plan for the Selected Exempt Service which provides for

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greater pay and benefits overall than are provided for the Civil
Service and less pay and benefits overall than are provided for
the Senior Management Service.

- (3) In consultation with the Executive Office of the Governor and the appropriations committees of the Legislature, conduct compensation surveys as necessary for achieving an equitable, competitive, market-based compensation policy for selected exempt service employees.
- (4) Establish a performance evaluation system for selected exempt service employees which takes into consideration individual and organizational efficiency, productivity, and effectiveness.
- (5) Establish a system for documenting department actions taken on agency requests for the approval of position exemptions and pay increases for selected exempt service employees.
- (6)(1) The department shall Adopt and administer uniform personnel rules, records, and reports relating to employees and positions in the Selected Exempt Service, as well as any other rules and procedures relating to personnel administration which are necessary to carry out the purposes of this part.
- (a) The rules adopted by the department must comply with all federal regulations necessary to permit the agencies to receive federal funds.
- (b) Each agency shall operate within the uniform personnel rules adopted by the department pursuant to this part.
- (c) Each agency shall maintain up-to-date records and reports required by applicable rules.
- $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ The department $\underline{\text{may}}$ shall develop uniform forms and instructions to be used for personnel $\underline{\text{in reporting}}$ transactions

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which involve changes in an employee's salary, status, performance, leave, fingerprint record, loyalty oath, payroll change, or appointment action or any additional transactions as the department deems may deem appropriate.

- (b) The department shall develop a uniform performance appraisal system for employees and positions in the Selected Exempt Service covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

 Each employing agency shall develop a performance appraisal system for all other employees and positions in the Selected Exempt System. Such agency system shall take into consideration individual and organizational efficiency, productivity, and effectiveness.
- (c) The employing agency must maintain, on a current basis, all records and reports required by applicable rules. The department shall periodically audit employing agency records to determine compliance with the provisions of this part and the rules of the department.
- (d) The department shall develop a program of affirmative and positive actions that will ensure full utilization of women and minorities in Selected Exempt Service positions.
- (2) Each employing agency shall operate within the uniform personnel rules adopted by the department pursuant to the provisions of this part. Each employing agency may adopt rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this part, but such rules shall not prescribe any personnel policies inconsistent with the provisions of this part or the rules of the department.
- (3) The rules adopted by the department and each employing agency under this part shall comply with all federal regulations necessary to permit the state agencies to be eligible to receive

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- (4) The department shall adopt by rule procedures for Selected Exempt Service employees that require disclosure to the agency head of any application for or offer of employment, gift, contractual relationship, or financial interest with any individual, partnership, association, corporation, utility, or other organization, whether public or private, doing business with or subject to regulation by the agency.
- (5) The secretary may periodically hire a consultant with expertise in personnel management to advise him or her with respect to the administration of the Selected Exempt Service.
- Section 40. Section 110.3023, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

110.3023 Recruitment.

- (1) Each state agency is responsible for establishing a process for employing, advancing, and deploying selected exempt service staff to meet agency needs.
- (2) If normal recruitment efforts of the agency through the use of the department's designated human resource information system, trade journals, or magazines are unsuccessful, the agency may contract with a person or firm to conduct a multistate search for hard-to-fill professional positions. The contracted search person or firm must satisfy the following criteria:
- (a) Willingness to accept contingency contracts with fees up to 30 percent of the annual salary of the applicant, to be paid upon employment of an applicant produced by the search.
- (b) Demonstrated capacity to perform effectively at competitive industry prices.

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(c) Evidence of successful placements in the public sector by level and type of placement.

- (d) Agreement for the delivery of services within 90 calendar days after the date of the requested search by the agency, unless an extension is granted by the agency.
- (e) Ability to attract minorities and women as evidenced by applicant pools generated for previous clients.

Section 41. The Division of Statutory Revision is requested to renumber part III of chapter 110, Florida Statutes, as part IV, consisting of ss. 110.401-110.4035, and to rename that part as "Senior Management Service."

Section 42. Section 110.401, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.401 Declaration of policy.—This part creates a uniform system of personnel administration for attracting, retaining, and developing highly competent, executive—level senior—level managers within the State Personnel System at the highest executive—management—level agency positions in order for the highly complex programs and agencies of state government to function effectively, efficiently, and productively. The Legislature recognizes that executive—level senior—level management is an established profession and that the public interest is best served by developing and refining the management skills of its senior management service employees. Accordingly, training and management—development programs are regarded as a major administrative function within agencies.

Section 43. Section 110.402, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.402 Senior Management Service; creation, coverage. -

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(1) The Senior Management Service is created as a separate system of personnel administration for positions in the <u>State</u> <u>Personnel System which perform executive branch the</u> duties and responsibilities <u>that</u> of which are primarily and essentially policymaking or managerial in nature.

- (2) Such positions are The Senior Management Service shall be limited to those positions that which are exempt from the Civil Career Service under System by s. 110.205(2) and for which the salaries and benefits are set by the department in accordance with the rules of the Senior Management Service.
- (2) Employees in the Senior Management Service shall serve at the pleasure of the agency head and are subject to personnel actions at the discretion of the agency head. Personnel actions that are tantamount to suspension, dismissal, reduction in pay, demotion, or transfer are exempt from chapter 120.

Section 44. Section 110.403, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.403 Powers and duties of the department.—<u>The department is responsible for the policy administration of the Senior</u>

 <u>Management Service. To carry out that function the department shall:</u>
- (1) In order to implement the purposes of this part, the Department of Management Services, after approval by the Administration Commission, shall adopt and amend rules providing for:
- (1) (a) Establish a system for employing, advancing, and deploying senior management service employees which promoting, or reassigning managers that is responsive to organizational or program needs. In no event shall The number of positions

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2466 included in the Senior Management Service may not exceed 1.0 2467 percent of the total full-time equivalent positions in the Civil 2468 career Service. The department may not approve the establishment 2469 of shall deny approval to establish any position within the 2470 Senior Management Service which exceeds would exceed the 2471 limitation established in this paragraph. The department shall 2472 report that the limitation has been reached to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of 2473 2474 Representatives, as soon as practicable after it such event 2475 occurs. Employees in the Senior Management Service shall serve 2476 at the pleasure of the agency head and shall be subject to 2477 suspension, dismissal, reduction in pay, demotion, transfer, or 2478 other personnel action at the discretion of the agency head. 2479 Such personnel actions are exempt from the provisions of chapter 2480 120.

- (2) Provide broad, market-based pay bands for occupations within the Senior Management Service and establish guidelines that allow state agencies flexibility to move employees through the pay bands. The agencies may determine the appropriate salary within the bands using the guidelines established by the department. Such pay bands and the assignment of bands to positions do not constitute rules within the meaning of s. 120.52.
- (b) A performance appraisal system which shall take into consideration individual and organizational efficiency, productivity, and effectiveness.
- (3) (c) Establish a classification system plan and a salary and benefit plan for senior management service employees which that provides appropriate incentives for the recruitment and

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retention of outstanding management personnel and provides for salary increases based on performance.

- (4) In consultation with the Executive Office of the Governor and the appropriations committees of the Legislature, conduct compensation surveys as necessary for the purpose of achieving an equitable, competitive, market-based compensation policy for senior management service employees.
- (5) Establish a performance evaluation system for senior management service employees which takes into consideration individual and organizational efficiency, productivity, and effectiveness.
- (d) A system of rating duties and responsibilities for positions within the Senior Management Service and the qualifications of candidates for those positions.
- (6) (e) Establish a system for documenting actions taken on agency requests for approval of position exemptions and special pay increases for senior management service employees.
- (7) Adopt and administer personnel rules, records, and reports relating to employees and positions in the Senior Management Service, as well as any other rules or procedures relating to personnel administration which are necessary for carrying out the purposes of this part.
- (a) The rules adopted by the department must comply with all federal regulations necessary for state agencies to receive federal funds.
- (b) Each agency shall operate within the personnel rules adopted by the department pursuant to this part.
- (c) The agency shall maintain up-to-date records and reports required by applicable rules.

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2524 (d) The department may develop uniform forms and 2525 instructions to be used in connection with personnel 2526 transactions as the department deems appropriate.

- (f) Requirements regarding recordkeeping by agencies with respect to Senior Management Service positions. Such records shall be audited periodically by the Department of Management Services to determine agency compliance with the provisions of this part and the rules of the Department of Management Services.
- (g) Other procedures relating to personnel administration to carry out the purposes of this part.
- (h) A program of affirmative and positive action that will ensure full utilization of women and minorities in Senior Management Service positions.
- (2) The powers, duties, and functions of the department of Management Services shall include responsibility for the policy administration of the Senior Management Service.
- (3) The department shall have the following additional responsibilities:
- (a) To establish and administer a professional development program that shall provide for the systematic development of managerial, executive, or administrative skills. Such a program shall include the following topics:
- 1. Improving the performance of individual employees. This topic provides skills in understanding and motivating individual performance, providing effective and timely evaluations of employees, and making recommendations on performance incentives and disincentives.
 - 2. Improving the performance of groups of employees. This

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topic provides skills in creating and maintaining productive workgroups and making recommendations on performance incentives and disincentives.

- 3. Relating the efforts of employees to the goals of the organization. This topic provides skills in linking the work of individual employees to the goals of the agency program, service, or activity.
- 4. Strategic planning. This topic provides the skills for defining agency business processes, measuring performance of such processes, and reengineering such processes for improved efficiency and effectiveness.
- 5. Team leadership. This topic provides skills in effective group processes for organizational motivation and productivity based on proven business and military applications that emphasize respect for and courtesy to the public.
- (b) To promote public understanding of the purposes, policies, and programs of the Senior Management Service.
- (c) To approve contracts of employing agencies with persons engaged in the business of conducting multistate executive searches to identify qualified and available applicants for Senior Management Service positions for which the department sets salaries in accordance with the classification and pay plan. Such contracts may be entered by the agency head only after completion of an unsuccessful in-house search. The department shall establish, by rule, the minimum qualifications for persons desiring to conduct executive searches, including a requirement for the use of contingency contracts. These rules shall ensure that such persons possess the requisite capacities to perform effectively at competitive industry prices. These

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rules shall also comply with state and federal laws and regulations governing equal opportunity employment.

- (4) All policies and procedures adopted by the department regarding the Senior Management Service shall comply with all federal regulations necessary to permit the state agencies to be eligible to receive federal funds.
- (5) The department shall adopt, by rule, procedures for Senior Management Service employees that require disclosure to the agency head of any application for or offer of employment, gift, contractual relationship, or financial interest with any individual, partnership, association, corporation, utility, or other organization, whether public or private, doing business with or subject to regulation by the agency.

Section 45. Section 110.4035, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

110.4035 Recruitment.-

- (1) Each state agency is responsible for establishing a process for employing, advancing, and deploying executive level managers to meet agency needs.
- (2) If normal recruitment efforts are unsuccessful, the agency may contract with a person or firm to conduct a multistate search for executive level managers which satisfies the following criteria:
- (a) Willingness to accept contingency contracts with fees that do not exceed 30 percent of the annual salary of the applicant, to be paid upon employment of the applicant produced by the search.
- (b) Demonstrated capacity to perform effectively at competitive industry prices.

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(c) Evidence of successful placements in the public sector by level and type of placement.

- (d) Agreement for the delivery of services within 90 calendar days after the date of the requested search by the agency, unless an extension is granted by the agency.
- (e) Ability to attract minorities and women as evidenced by applicant pools generated for previous clients.

Section 46. The Division of Statutory Revision is requested to create part IX of chapter 112, Florida Statutes, to be entitled "State Employment," and consisting of ss. 112.906-112.933, Florida Statutes.

Section 47. Section 112.906, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 112.906 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
- (1) "Department" means the Department of Management Services.
- (2) "Other personal services" has the same meaning as in s. 216.011(1).
- (3) "State agency" or "agency" means any official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch or judicial branch of state government as defined in chapter 216, unless otherwise exempted by law.
- (4) "State employee" or "employee" means an employee of a state agency.

Section 48. Section 110.131, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.907, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

2638 <u>112.907</u> <u>110.131</u> Other-personal-services temporary 2639 employment.—

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(1) As used in this section, the term "agency" means any official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch of state government and means any officer, court, commission, or other unit of the judicial branch of state government supported in whole or in part by appropriations made by the Legislature.

- (1)(2) An agency may employ any qualified individual in other-personal-services temporary employment for 1,040 hours within any 12-month period. For each other personal services employee, the agency shall:
- (a) Maintain employee records identifying, at a minimum, the person employed, hire date, type of other personal services employment, and the number of hours worked.
- (b) Determine the appropriate rate of pay and ensure that all payments are in compliance with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and state law.
- (c) Review, determine, and document by June 30 of each year that the continuation of each other personal services employment position is necessary to the mission of the agency. This review process An extension beyond a total of 1,040 hours within an agency for any individual requires a recommendation by the agency head and approval by the Executive Office of the Governor. Approval of extensions shall be made in accordance with criteria established by the department. Each agency shall maintain employee information as specified by the department regarding each extension of other-personal-services temporary employment. The time limitation established by this subsection does not apply to board members; consultants; seasonal employees; institutional clients employed as part of their

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rehabilitation; bona fide, degree-seeking students in accredited secondary or postsecondary educational programs; employees hired to deal with an emergency situation that affects the public health, safety, or welfare; or employees hired for a project that is identified by a specific appropriation or time-limited grant.

- (2) Unless specifically provided by law, other personal services employees are not eligible for any form of paid leave, paid holidays, paid personal day, participation in state group insurance or retirement benefits, or any other state employee benefit. Other personal services employees may be included in that part of an agency's recognition and reward program that recognizes and rewards employees who submit innovative ideas that increase productivity, eliminate or reduce state expenditures, improve operations, or generate additional revenue, or who meet or exceed the agency's established criteria for a project or goal.
- (3) Each agency that is authorized to adopt rules governing the terms and conditions of employment may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
- (3) The department shall adopt rules providing that otherpersonal-services temporary employment in an employer-employee
 relationship shall be used for short-term tasks. Such rules
 shall specify the employment categories, terms, conditions, rate
 of pay, and frequency of other-personal-services temporary
 employment and the duration for which such employment may last;
 specify criteria for approving extensions beyond the time
 limitation provided in subsection (2); and prescribe
 recordkeeping and reporting requirements for other-personal-

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2698 services employment.

(4) The department shall prepare written material explaining the terms and conditions of other-personal-services employment and shall provide master copies to each agency. Each agency shall provide each of its applicants for such employment with a copy thereof at the time of application and shall discuss the information contained thereon with each applicant at the time of interview or employment commencement, whichever occurs sooner.

- (5) The department shall maintain information relating to other-personal-services employment for each agency. Such information shall include:
- (a) The total amount of compensation for other-personal-services personnel, by employment category, for the preceding fiscal year.
- (b) The name, social security number, employment category, employment commencement date, and number of hours worked for each individual whose initial other-personal-services temporary employment began before the start of the preceding fiscal year and who was still employed as an other-personal-services temporary employee at the end of the preceding fiscal year.
- (6) (a) The provisions of subsections (2), (3), and (4) do not apply to any employee for whom the Board of Governors of the State University System, or the board's designee, or the Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind is the employer as defined in s. 447.203(2); except that, for purposes of subsection (5), the Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind shall comply with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements adopted by the

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department pursuant to subsection (3) with respect to those other-personal-services employees exempted by this subsection.

- (b) The provisions of subsections (2), (3), and (4) do not apply to any employee of the Division of Blind Services Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for whom the Division of Blind Services is the employer as defined in s. 447.203(2); except that, for purposes of subsection (5), the Division of Blind Services shall comply with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements adopted by the department pursuant to subsection (3) with respect to those other-personal-services employees exempted by this subsection.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the agency head or his or her designee may extend the other-personal-services employment of a health care practitioner licensed pursuant to chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 463, part I of chapter 464, chapter 466, chapter 468, chapter 483, chapter 486, or chapter 490 beyond 2,080 hours and may employ such practitioner on an hourly or other basis.
- (7) The Department of Management Services shall annually assess agencies for the regulation of other personal services on a pro rata share basis not to exceed an amount as provided in the General Appropriations Act.
- Section 49. Section 110.1315, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.908, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:
- <u>112.908</u> <u>110.1315</u> Alternative <u>retirement</u> benefits; other-personal-services employees.-
 - (1) Upon review and recommendation of the department and

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approval of the Executive Office of the Governor, the Department of Financial Services shall provide department may contract for the implementation of an alternative retirement income security program for eligible temporary and seasonal employees of the state who are compensated from appropriations for other personal services. The Department of Financial Services may contract with may provide for a private vendor or vendors to administer the program under a defined-contribution plan under ss. 401(a) and 403(b) or s. 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, and the program must provide retirement benefits as required under s. 3121(b)(7)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Department of Financial Services department may develop a request for proposals and solicit qualified vendors to compete for the award of the contract. A vendor shall be selected on the basis of the plan that best serves the interest of the participating employees and the state. The proposal must comply with all necessary federal and state laws and rules.

(2) The Department of Financial Services may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 50. <u>Section 110.1128</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>is</u> transferred and renumbered as section 112.909, <u>Florida Statutes</u>.

Section 51. Section 112.910, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 112.910 Equal employment opportunity.—
- (1) It is the policy of this state to assist in ensuring equal employment opportunity through programs of affirmative and positive action which allow full utilization of women and minorities.
 - (2) The head of each executive agency shall develop and

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implement an affirmative action plan in accordance with this section and applicable state and federal laws.

- (a) Each executive agency shall establish annual goals for ensuring the full utilization of groups underrepresented in its workforce as compared to the relevant labor market as defined by the agency and shall design its affirmative action plan to meet those goals.
- (b) The head of each executive agency shall appoint an equal employment opportunity officer.
- (c) By October 1 of each year, each executive agency that is not part of the State Personnel System shall report to the Executive Office of the Governor information relating to the implementation, continuance, updating, and results of the agency's affirmative action plan for the previous fiscal year.
 - (3) Each state attorney and public defender shall:
 - (a) Develop and implement an affirmative action plan.
- (b) Establish annual goals for ensuring the full utilization of groups underrepresented in its workforce as compared to the relevant labor market in this state and design its affirmative action plan to meet those goals.
- (c) Appoint an affirmative action equal employment opportunity officer.
- (d) Report annually to the Justice Administrative

 Commission on the implementation, continuance, updating, and results of his or her affirmative action program for the previous fiscal year.
- (4) An individual claiming to be aggrieved by an unlawful employment practice may file a complaint with the Florida Commission on Human Relations as provided under s. 760.11.

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Section 52. Section 112.911, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

112.911 Nondiscrimination in employment.-

- (1) It is the policy of the state that all appointments, terminations, assignments, and maintenance of status, compensation, privileges, and other terms and conditions of employment be made without regard to age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability, or genetic information unless a specific requirement constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.
- (2) The state, its agencies, and officers shall ensure freedom from discrimination in employment as provided by the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, s. 112.044, and this chapter.

Section 53. Section 110.1221, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.912, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

112.912 110.1221 Sexual harassment policy; executive agency rules.—It is the policy of the state that sexual harassment is a form of discrimination. Each agency that has authority to adopt rules governing the terms and conditions of employment The department—shall adopt uniform sexual harassment rules applicable to all executive agencies. Such the rules must define the term "sexual harassment" in a manner consistent with the federal definition.

Section 54. Section 110.122, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.913, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

 $\underline{112.913}$ $\underline{110.122}$ Terminal payment for accumulated sick leave.—

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(1) All state branches, departments, and agencies that are authorized which have the authority to establish or approve personnel policies for employees and to employ personnel and establish the conditions of their employment shall establish policies that to provide terminal "incentive" pay for accumulated and unused sick leave to each employee upon normal or regular retirement for reason other than disability or upon termination of employment, or to the employee's beneficiary if service is terminated by death if, provided such retirement, termination, or death occurs after 10 years of creditable state employment.

- (2) Each entity that is authorized to adopt rules governing the terms and conditions of employment The employing entity shall establish and publish rules governing the accumulation and use of sick leave. The employing entity shall and maintain accurate and reliable records showing the amount of sick leave that which has accumulated and is unused by the employee at the time of retirement, death, or termination.
- determined by using the rate of pay received by the employee at the time of retirement, termination, or death, applied to the sick leave time for which the employee is qualified to receive terminal "incentive" pay under the rules adopted by the department pursuant to the provisions of this section. The rules and policies must provide adopted pursuant to this section shall permit terminal pay for sick leave equal to one-fourth one-eighth of all unused sick leave credit accumulated prior to October 1, 1973, plus one-fourth of all unused sick leave accumulated on or after October 1, 1973. However, terminal pay

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allowable for unused sick leave <u>may</u> accumulated on or after October 1, 1973, shall not exceed a maximum of 480 hours of actual payment. Employees shall be required to use all sick leave accumulated prior to October 1, 1973, before using sick leave accumulated on or after October 1, 1973.

- (4) The payments made pursuant to this section <u>are shall</u> not <u>salary payments</u> be considered in any state-administered retirement system as salary payments and <u>may shall</u> not be used in determining the average final compensation of an employee in any state-administered retirement system.
- (5) All rights and benefits provided under this section shall be forfeited by an any employee:
- (a) Who is found guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction of committing, aiding, or abetting any embezzlement or theft from the employee's employer or bribery in connection with the employment, committed <u>before prior to</u> retirement or <u>10</u> years of 10-year normal creditable state employment termination;
- (b) Whose employment is terminated by reason of the employee having admitted committing, aiding, or abetting an embezzlement or theft from his or her employer or by reason of bribery;
- (c) Who, prior to 10 years of 10-year normal creditable state employment termination or retirement is adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any state law against strikes by public employees; or
- (d) Who has been found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of violating any state law prohibiting strikes by public employees, shall forfeit all rights and benefits under this section.

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 $\underline{(6)}$ An employee whose employment terminates as a result of an act committed subject to this subsection \underline{may} shall not be given credit for unused sick leave accumulated \underline{before} \underline{prior} to termination \underline{if} should the employee \underline{is} be reemployed at a later date.

Section 55. Section 110.121, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.914, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- department or agency of the state which has authority to adopt rules governing the accumulation and use of sick leave for employees, and that which maintains accurate and reliable records showing the amount of sick leave which has been accumulated and is unused by employees, may, in accordance with guidelines which shall be established by the Department of Management Services, adopt rules establishing for the establishment of a plan that allows allowing participating employees to pool and use sick leave and allowing any sick leave thus pooled to be used by any participating employee who has used all of the sick leave that has been personally accrued by him or her. Although not limited to the following, Such rules must shall provide, but need not be limited to:
- (1) Minimum eligibility criteria That employees shall be eligible for participation in the sick leave pool after 1 year of employment with the state or agency of the state; provided that such employee has accrued a minimum amount of unused sick leave, which minimum shall be established by rule.
- (2) That participation in the sick leave pool <u>is</u> shall, at all times, be voluntary on the part of the employees.

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(3) That any sick leave pooled shall be removed from the personally accumulated sick leave balance of the employee contributing such leave.

- (4) That any sick leave in the pool which leave is used by a participating employee <u>is</u> shall be used only for the employee's personal illness, accident, or injury.
- (5) That a participating employee <u>may shall</u> not be eligible to use sick leave accumulated in the pool until all of his or her personally accrued sick, annual, and compensatory leave, and personal day, have has been used.
- (6) The A maximum number of $\underline{\text{hours}}$ days of sick leave in the pool which any one employee may use.
- (7) That a participating employee who uses sick leave from the pool \underline{is} shall not be required to recontribute such sick leave to the pool, except as otherwise provided in this section.
- (8) That an employee who cancels his or her membership in the sick leave pool \underline{may} shall not be eligible to withdraw the \underline{hours} days of sick leave contributed by that employee to the pool.
- (9) That an employee who <u>moves</u> transfers from <u>a</u> one position in <u>one agency state government</u> to <u>a</u> another position in <u>another agency state government</u> may transfer from one pool to another if the eligibility criteria of the pools are comparable or the administrators of the pools have agreed on the <u>a formula</u> for transfer of credits.
- (10) That alleged abuse of the use of the sick leave pool shall be investigated, and, on a finding of wrongdoing, the employee <u>must shall</u> repay all of the sick leave credits drawn from the sick leave pool and is shall be subject to such other

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disciplinary action as is determined by the agency head.

(11) That sick leave credits may be drawn from the sick leave pool by a part-time employee on a pro rata basis.

Section 56. Section 110.119, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.915, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- 112.915 110.119 Administrative leave for military-serviceconnected reexamination or treatment with respect to serviceconnected disability.—
- (1) An Any employee of the state who has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have incurred a service-connected disability and has been scheduled by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be reexamined or treated for the disability shall be granted administrative leave for such reexamination or treatment without loss of pay or benefits. However, such In no event shall the paid leave may not under this section exceed 48 hours per 6 calendar days a year.
- (2) The department may adopt any rule necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.
- Section 57. Section 110.120, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.916, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:
- $\underline{112.916}$ $\underline{110.120}$ Administrative leave for disaster service volunteers.—
- (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Florida Disaster Volunteer Leave Act."
- (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the following terms shall apply:

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(a) "State agency" means any official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch of state government.

- (b) "Disaster" includes disasters designated at level II and above in the American National Red Cross regulations and procedures.
- (3) LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—An employee of a state agency who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross may be granted a leave of absence with pay for up to not more than 15 working days in any 12-month period to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the American Red Cross. Such leave of absence may be granted upon the request of the American Red Cross and upon the approval of the employer employee's employing agency. An employee granted leave under this section may shall not be deemed to be an employee of the state for purposes of workers' compensation. Leave under this section act may be granted only for services related to a disaster occurring within the boundaries of the State of Florida, except that, with the approval of the Governor and Cabinet, leave may be granted for services in response to a disaster occurring within the boundaries of the United States.

Section 58. Section 110.1091, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.917, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- $\underline{112.917}$ $\underline{110.1091}$ Employee assistance programs; public records exemption.—
- (1) \underline{A} An employing state agency may provide a counseling, therapeutic, or other professional treatment program to assist \underline{a} any state employee who has a behavioral disorder, medical

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disorder, or substance abuse problem or who has an emotional difficulty that affects the employee's job performance. The Each employing state agency may designate community diagnostic and referral resources as necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(2) A state employee's personal identifying information contained in records held by <u>a</u> an employing state agency relating to an employee's participation in an employee assistance program is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

Section 59. Section 110.151, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.918, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

<u>112.918</u> <u>110.151 State officers' and employees'</u> Child care services.—

(1) A state agency may establish The Department of Management Services shall approve, administer, and coordinate child care services for state officers' and employees' children or dependents. Duties shall include, but not be limited to, reviewing and approving requests from state agencies for child care services; providing technical assistance on child care program startup and operation; and assisting other agencies in conducting needs assessments, designing centers, and selecting service providers. Primary emphasis for child care services shall be given to children who are not subject to compulsory school attendance pursuant to part II of chapter 1003, and, to the extent possible, emphasis shall be placed on child care for children aged 2 and under.

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(2) Child care programs may be located in state-owned office buildings, educational facilities and institutions, custodial facilities and institutions, and, with the consent of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in buildings or spaces used for legislative activities. In addition, centers may be located in privately owned buildings conveniently located to the place of employment of those officers and employees to be served by the centers. If a child care program is located in a state-owned office building, educational facility or institution, or custodial facility or institution, or in a privately owned building leased by the state, a portion of the service provider's rental fees for child care space may be waived by the sponsoring agency in accordance with the rules of the department's Facilities Program Department of Management Services. Additionally, the sponsoring state agency may be responsible for the maintenance, utilities, and other operating costs associated with the child care center.

- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the cost of child care services shall be offset by fees charged to employees who use the child care services. Requests for proposals may provide for a sliding fee schedule based on, with fees charged on the basis of the employee's household income.
- (4) The provider of proposed child care services shall be selected by competitive contract. Requests for proposals shall be developed with the assistance of, and subject to the approval of, the Department of Management Services. Management of the contract with the service provider <u>is</u> shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring state agency.
 - (5) An operator selected to provide services must comply

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with all state and local standards for the licensure and operation of child care facilities, maintain adequate liability insurance coverage, and assume financial and legal responsibility for the operation of the program. Neither The operator of and nor any personnel employed by or at a child care facility may not shall be deemed to be employees of the state. However, the sponsoring state agency may be responsible for the operation of the child care center if when:

- (a) A second request for proposals fails to procure a qualified service provider; or
- (b) The service provider's contract is canceled and attempts to procure another qualified service provider are unsuccessful.

and plans for direct operation are approved by the Department of Management Services.

- (6) In the areas where the state has an insufficient number of employees to justify a worksite center, a state agency may join in a consortium arrangement <u>using utilizing</u> available state facilities with not-for-profit corporations or other public employers to provide child care services to both public employees and employees of private sector employers. The consortium agreement must first address the unmet child care needs of the children of the public employees whose employers are members of the consortium, and then address the child care needs of private sector employees.
- (7) The Department of Management Services may adopt any rules necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

 Section 60. Section 110.181, Florida Statutes, is

585-00618D-12 20127196 3104 transferred and renumbered as section 112.919, Florida Statutes. 3105 Section 61. Section 110.1225, Florida Statutes, is 3106 transferred, renumbered as section 112.920, Florida Statutes, 3107 and amended to read: 3108 112.920 110.1225 Furloughs.—If When a deficit is projected 3109 by the Revenue Estimating Conference pursuant to s. 216.136(3), 3110 in any state agency fund that supports salary and benefit appropriations, the agency Administration Commission may, upon 3111 3112 the approval by the Governor or the Chief Justice of the Supreme 3113 Court, propose a furlough plan to the Legislative Budget 3114 Commission Legislature, which must approve or disapprove such 3115 plan. The plan must identify all affected positions and ensure 3116 that all affected employees within a budget entity are subject 3117 to the same reduction of hours for the same number of pay 3118 periods with a commensurate reduction in pay. If authorized by 3119 the Legislature as a cost-savings measure to address anticipated 3120 short-term shortfalls to funds that support salary and benefit 3121 appropriations for a specified fiscal year, an agency may also 3122 impose furloughs as directed by the Legislature in the General 3123 Appropriations Act. For the purposes of this section, the term 3124 "furlough" means a temporary reduction in the regular hours of 3125 employment administered as leave without pay. 3126 Section 62. Section 110.1155, Florida Statutes, is 3127 transferred and renumbered as section 112.921, Florida Statutes. 3128 Section 63. Section 110.191, Florida Statutes, is 3129 transferred, renumbered as section 112.922, Florida Statutes, 3130 and amended to read: 3131 3132 (1) If In situations where the Legislature has expressly

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authorized <u>a</u> the state, an agency, or the judicial branch as defined in s. 110.107 to lease employees, the Executive Office of the Governor for the executive branch or the Chief Justice for the judicial branch may authorize any of the following actions related to such state employee leasing activities if_{τ} provided that the direct cost of such actions is to be paid or reimbursed within 30 days after payment by the entity or person to whom the employees are leased:

- (a) <u>Creation of Create</u> a separate budget entity from which leased employees <u>are shall be</u> paid and <u>the</u> transfer <u>of</u> the positions authorized to be leased to that budget entity.
 - (b) Provide Increases in the operating budget entity.
- (c) Authorized Lump-sum salary bonuses to leased employees. However, any lump-sum salary bonus above the automatic salary increases which may be contained in the General Appropriations Act must be funded from private sources.
- (d) Approve Increases in salary rate for positions that which are leased. However, any salary rate above the automatic salary increases which may be contained in the General Appropriations Act must be funded from private sources.
- (e) The waiver of Waive any requirement for automatic salary increases $\underline{\text{that}}$ which may be contained in the General Appropriations Act.
- (2) Positions that which are in the Senior Management Service System or the Selected Exempt Service System on the day before the state employee lease agreement takes effect shall remain in the respective system if the duties performed by the position during the assignment of the state employee lease agreement are comparable as determined by the department. Those

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senior management service system or selected exempt service system positions that which are not determined comparable by the department, and positions that which are in other pay plans on the day before the lease agreement takes effect, shall have the same salaries and benefits provided to employees of the Office of the Governor pursuant to s. 110.205(2)(h)2. 110.205(2)(l)2.

Section 64. Section 110.1082, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.923, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

 $\underline{\text{112.923}}$ $\underline{\text{110.1082}}$ Telephone voice mail systems and telephone menu options systems.—

- (1) \underline{A} No state employee \underline{may} not use \underline{shall} utilize a voice mail system when the employee is at his or her regularly assigned work station where his or her telephone is functional and available for use, unless:
 - (a) The telephone device is in use, and/or;
- (b) The Such voice mail system alerts the caller to, and provides the caller with access to $\underline{\ }$ a nonelectronic attendant; or
- (c) $\underline{\text{The}}$ Such voice mail system automatically transfers the caller to a nonelectronic attendant.
- (2) Telephone menu options systems used by state agencies must, departments, or other state government units will alert the caller to, and provide the caller with access to, a nonelectronic attendant.
- (3) Agency heads $\underline{\text{shall}}$ will ensure compliance with $\underline{\text{the}}$ provisions of this section.

Section 65. Section 110.1165, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.924, Florida Statutes,

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and subsections (1) and (2) of that section are amended to read:

112.924 110.1165 Executive branch personnel errors;

limitation of actions for compensation.—

- (1) An agency of the executive branch, including the State University System, shall establish procedures for the receipt, consideration, and disposition of a claim regarding pay or benefits brought by an employee <u>if the</u> when that employee is damaged as a result of being provided with erroneous written information by the employing agency regarding his or her pay or benefits, and the employee detrimentally relies upon such written information. In order to qualify for the relief provided by this section, the employee's reliance on the representation must have been reasonable and based only upon only the written representations made by those persons authorized by the agency head to make such representations. Furthermore, The erroneous calculation and payment of an employee's salary, wages, or benefits is not among the written representations that which will trigger relief under this section.
- (2) An agency of the executive branch, including the State University System, may is authorized to take appropriate such action as may be appropriate to provide a remedy for an employee concerning his or her claim regarding detrimental reliance on erroneous written information provided by the employing agency relating to pay and benefits if, provided such remedy is within the purview of the agency's authority. The agency may not has no authority whatsoever to modify the state retirement system or the state insurance program. Any monetary remedy afforded by the agency must fall within the agency's budgetary authority. Any person dissatisfied with the outcome of this process may file

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either a grievance pursuant to the agency's internal grievance process or an appeal to the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to chapter 120, but not both.

Section 66. Section 110.113, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.925, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- $\underline{112.925}$ $\underline{110.113}$ Pay periods for state officers and employees; salary payments by direct deposit.—
- (1) The normal pay period for salaries of state officers and employees shall be 1 month. The Department of Financial Services shall issue either monthly or biweekly salary payments to state officers and employees by state warrants or by direct deposit pursuant to s. 17.076 or make semimonthly salary payments by direct deposit pursuant to s. 17.076, as requested by each state employment system and the head of each state agency and approved by the Executive Office of the Governor and the Department of Financial Services.
- (2) As a condition of employment, a person appointed to a position in state employee must government is required to participate in the direct deposit program pursuant to s. 17.076. An employee may request an exemption from the provisions of this subsection if the when such employee can demonstrate a hardship or if the when such employee is in an other-personal-services position.
- Section 67. Section 110.114, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 112.926, Florida Statutes. Section 68. Section 112.927, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 112.927 Human resource information system.—The department

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3249 may contract with other agencies or state governmental entities 3250 outside the State Personnel System to establish and maintain 3251 positions and use the human resource information system 3252 established under s. 110.116 for its human resource 3253 functionality as well as benefits administration. The use and 3254 operation of the human resource information system shall be 3255 based upon the design rules set forth by the department, and 3256 such agencies and state governmental entities may be required to 3257 conform their respective human resource business rules and 3258 practices to the business rules and practices existing within 3259 the human resource information system in order to minimize 3260 additional system customization and to maximize system 3261 efficiencies. Payment for usage shall be in accordance with s. 3262 110.125(2).

Section 69. Section 110.1127, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.928, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- <u>112.928</u> <u>110.1127</u> Employee <u>background screening and</u> investigations security checks.-
- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), each state agency shall designate those positions that, based on the position duties, require security background screening. All persons and employees in such positions must undergo employment screening in accordance with chapter 435, using level 1 screening standards, as a condition of employment and continued employment.
- (2)(1) Each state employing agency shall designate those employee positions that, because of the special trust or responsibility or sensitive location, require security background investigations. All persons and employees in such

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positions must undergo employment screening in accordance with chapter 435, using level 2 screening standards of those positions, require that persons occupying those positions be subject to a security background check, including fingerprinting, as a condition of employment and continued employment.

- (2)(a) All positions within the Division of Treasury of the Department of Financial Services are deemed to be positions of special trust or responsibility. Persons seeking or holding such positions, and a person may be disqualified for employment in any such position by reason of:
- 1. The conviction or prior conviction of a crime that which is reasonably related to the nature of the position sought or held by the individual; or
- 2. The entering of a plea of nolo contendere or, when a jury verdict of guilty is rendered but adjudication of guilt is withheld, with respect to a crime that which is reasonably related to the nature of the position sought or held by the individual.
- (b) All employees of the division shall be required to undergo security background investigations, including fingerprinting, as a condition of employment and continued employment.
- (b)(3)(a) All positions in programs providing care to children, the developmentally disabled, or vulnerable adults for 15 hours or more per week; all permanent and temporary employee positions of the central abuse hotline; and all persons working under contract who have access to abuse records are deemed to be persons and positions of special trust or responsibility, and

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require employment screening pursuant to chapter 435, using the level 2 standards set forth in that chapter.

 $\frac{1.(b)}{1.(b)}$ The employing agency may grant exemptions from disqualification from working with children, the developmentally disabled, or vulnerable adults as provided in s. 435.07.

(c) All persons and employees in such positions of trust or responsibility shall be required to undergo security background investigations as a condition of employment and continued employment. For the purposes of this subsection, security background investigations shall be conducted as provided in chapter 435, using the level 2 standards for screening set forth in that chapter.

 $\frac{2.(d)}{d}$ It is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for any person willfully, knowingly, or intentionally to:

 $\underline{a.1.}$ Fail, by false statement, misrepresentation, impersonation, or other fraudulent means, to disclose in any application for voluntary or paid employment a material fact used in making a determination as to such person's qualifications for a position of special trust;

<u>b.2.</u> Use <u>records</u> information <u>contained in records</u> for purposes other than <u>background</u> screening <u>or investigation</u> for employment, or release <u>such</u> <u>records</u> information to other persons for purposes other than <u>preemployment</u> screening <u>or investigation</u> <u>for employment</u>.

3.(e) It is a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, for any person to willfully, knowingly, or intentionally to use juvenile records information for any purposes other than those specified

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in this section or to release such information to other persons for purposes other than those specified in this section.

- (3) (4) Any person who is required to undergo such a security background screening or investigation and who refuses to cooperate in such screening or investigation or refuses to submit fingerprints shall be disqualified for employment in such position or, if employed, shall be dismissed.
- (4) (5) Such Background screening and investigations shall be conducted at the expense of the employing agency. If When fingerprinting is required, the fingerprints of the employee or applicant for employment shall be taken by the employing agency or by an authorized law enforcement officer, and submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for processing, and, if forwarding, when requested by the employing agency, forwarded to the United States Department of Justice for processing. The employing agency shall reimburse the Department of Law Enforcement for any costs incurred for by it in the processing of the fingerprints.

Section 70. Section 110.117, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.929, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

112.929 110.117 Paid holidays and personal day.-

- (1) The following holidays are shall be paid holidays observed by all state branches and agencies:
 - (a) New Year's Day.
- (b) Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., third Monday in 3362 January.
 - (c) Memorial Day.
 - (d) Independence Day.

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3365 (e) Labor Day.

- (f) Veterans' Day, November 11.
- (g) Thanksgiving Day.
- (h) Friday after Thanksgiving.
- (i) Christmas Day.
- (j) If any of these holidays falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday. If any of these holidays falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday.
- (2) The Governor may declare, $\underline{\text{if}}$ when appropriate, a state day of mourning in observance of the death of a person in recognition of service rendered to the state or nation.
- established position is entitled to one personal day holiday each year. Each part-time employee is entitled to a personal day holiday each year, which shall be calculated based on the full-time equivalency of the position proportionately to the personal holiday allowed to a full-time employee. The Such personal day holiday shall be credited to eligible employees on July 1 of each year and must to be taken by prior to June 30 of the following year or forfeited. The personal day must be taken as a whole day and may not be used incrementally. Members of the teaching and research faculty of the State University System and administrative and professional positions exempted under s. 110.205(2)(d) are not eligible for this benefit.
- (4) Other personal services employees are not eligible for paid holidays or a personal day.
- Section 71. Section 112.930, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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112.930 Telework program.-

- (1) For the purposes of this section, the term "telework" means an alternative work arrangement that allows an employee to conduct all or some of his or her work away from the official work site during all or a portion of the employee's established work hours on a regular basis. The term does not include, and a telework agreement is not required for:
- (a) Performance of required work duties away from the official work site and outside of established work hours on an occasional basis and sporadically working away from the official work site during all or some portion of the established work hours. These arrangements may be used by an agency to accommodate extenuating circumstances by allowing an employee to maintain productivity outside of the official work site.
- (b) Duties and responsibilities that, by their nature, are performed routinely in the field away from the official work site.
- (2) An agency may establish telework as an integral part of the normal business operations of the agency and require that specific work be performed through telework arrangements.

 Telework may also be used as part of an agency's continuity of operations plan where appropriate. An agency shall provide telework as an optional alternative work arrangement to support employee needs and implement telework arrangements where deemed appropriate.
- (3) Each agency shall review all established positions and designate those positions that the agency deems appropriate for telework. The agency shall ensure this information is current and available to its employees and managers. In addition, each

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agency shall identify all currently participating employees and
their respective positions in the human resource information
system used by that agency.

- (4) Agencies that have a telework program shall develop an agency plan that addresses the agency's telework policies and procedures. At a minimum, an agency telework plan must:
- (a) Establish criteria for evaluating the ability of employees to satisfactorily perform in a telework arrangement.
- (b) Establish performance standards that ensure that employees participating in the program maintain satisfactory performance levels.
- (c) Ensure teleworkers are subject to the same rules and disciplinary actions as other employees.
- (d) Establish the reasonable conditions that the agency plans to impose in order to ensure appropriate use and maintenance of any equipment issued by the agency.
- (e) Establish a system for monitoring the productivity of teleworking employees which ensures that the work output remains at a satisfactory level and that the duties and responsibilities of the position remain suitable for a telework arrangement.
- (f) Establish the appropriate physical and electronic information security controls to be maintained by a teleworker at the telework site.
- (g) Prohibit employees engaged in telework from conducting face-to-face state business at their residence.
- (5) Agencies that approve employees to use telework as an optional alternative work arrangement shall:
- (a) Require a written agreement between the teleworker and the agency which specifies the terms and conditions of the

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telework arrangement and provides for the termination of an employee's participation in the program if the employee's continued participation is not in the best interest of the agency.

- (b) Ensure that participation by an employee is voluntary and that the employee may discontinue participation after providing reasonable notice to the agency.
- (6) Agencies that require certain employees to telework as a part of normal business operations shall:
- (a) Include the requirement to telework and the associated terms and conditions as part of the position description, specifying the minimum amount of telework time required.
- (b) Provide at least 30 calendar days' written notice to affected employees of intent to impose or remove a requirement to telework.
- (c) Provide at least 15 calendar days' written notice to affected employees of intent to revise the terms and conditions of their current telework arrangement.
- (d) Provide equipment and supplies to an employee necessary to carry out job functions from the telework site.
- (e) Specify the telework requirement in any recruitment activities.
- (7) Agencies that have a telework program shall establish and track performance measures that support telework program analysis and report data annually to the department's Facilities Program in accordance with s. 255.249(3)(d). Such measures must include, but need not be limited to, those that quantify:
- (a) Financial impacts associated with changes in office space requirements resulting from the telework program. State

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agencies operating in office space owned or managed by the
department shall consult the Facilities Program to ensure
consistency with the strategic leasing plan required under s.
255.249(3)(b).

- (b) Energy consumption changes resulting from the telework program.
- (c) Greenhouse gas emission changes resulting from the telework program.
- (8) Agencies that have a telework program shall post the agency telework plan and any pertinent supporting documents on the agency website to allow access by employees and the public.
- (9) Agencies may approve other-personal-services employees to participate in telework programs.
- (10) Each agency that is authorized to adopt rules governing the terms and conditions of employment may adopt rules necessary to administer this section.
- Section 72. Section 112.931, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- authorized to adopt rules governing the terms and conditions of employment may adopt rules that prescribe procedures and promote a savings sharing program for an individual or group of employees who propose procedures or ideas that are adopted and that result in eliminating or reducing state expenditures if such proposals are placed in effect and may be implemented under current statutory authority.
- (1) The agency head shall recommend employees individually or by group for a monetary award that is directly related to the cost savings realized. Each proposed award and the amount of the

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award must be approved by the Legislative Budget Commission.

- (2) Unless otherwise provided by law, all state agencies may participate in the program. The Chief Justice may establish a savings sharing program for employees of the judicial branch within the parameters established under this section. The program applies to all employees within the Civil Service, the Selected Exempt Service, and comparable employees within the judicial branch.
- (3) The department and the judicial branch shall annually submit information to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which outlines each agency's level of participation in the program. At a minimum, the information must include:
 - (a) The number of proposals made.
- (b) The number of awards and amount of money awarded to employees or groups for adopted proposals.
- (c) The actual cost savings realized as a result of implementing the proposals.
- Section 73. <u>Section 110.1156</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>is</u>

 transferred and renumbered as section 112.932, <u>Florida Statutes</u>.
- 3530 Section 74. Section 112.933, Florida Statutes, is created 3531 to read:
 - 112.933 Penalties.-
 - (1) Any person who willfully violates any provision of this part or any rules adopted pursuant to this part commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
 - (2) Notwithstanding s. 112.011, any person who is convicted of a misdemeanor under this part is ineligible for appointment

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to or employment in a state position for 5 years. If such person is an employee of the state, he or she must forfeit his or her position.

(3) Imposition of the penalties provided in this section may not be in lieu of any action that may be taken or penalties that may be imposed pursuant to part III of this chapter.

Section 75. The Division of Statutory Revision is requested to create part X of chapter 112, Florida Statutes, to be entitled "State Administered Benefits," and consisting of ss. 112.940-112.952, Florida Statutes.

Section 76. Section 110.1227, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.940, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of that section is amended to read:

- 112.940 110.1227 Florida Employee Long-Term-Care Plan Act.-
- (1) The Legislature finds that state expenditures for long-term-care services continue to increase at a rapid rate and that the state faces increasing pressure in its efforts to meet the long-term-care needs of the public.
- (c) This section does not affect act in no way affects the authority of the Department of Management Services' authority pursuant to s. $\underline{112.942}$ $\underline{110.123}$.

Section 77. Section 110.1228, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.941, Florida Statutes, and subsection (2) of that section is amended to read:

 $\underline{112.941}$ $\underline{110.1228}$ Participation by small counties, small municipalities, and district school boards located in small counties.—

(2) The governing body of a small county or small

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municipality or a district school board may apply for participation in the state group health insurance program authorized in s. $\underline{112.942}$ $\underline{110.123}$ and the prescription drug coverage program authorized by s. $\underline{112.946}$ $\underline{110.12315}$ by submitting an application along with a \$500 nonrefundable fee to the department.

Section 78. Section 110.123, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.942, Florida Statutes, and paragraphs (f) and (h) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of that section are amended to read:

- 112.942 110.123 State group insurance program.-
- (3) STATE GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM.-
- (f) Except as provided for in subparagraph (h)2., the state contribution toward the cost of any plan in the state group insurance program shall be uniform with respect to all state employees in a state collective bargaining unit participating in the same coverage tier in the same plan. This section does not prohibit the development of separate benefit plans for officers and employees exempt from the <u>Civil</u> career Service or the development of separate benefit plans for each collective bargaining unit.
- (h)1. In lieu of participating in the state group health insurance plan, a person eligible to participate in the state group insurance program may be authorized by department rules adopted by the department, in lieu of participating in the state group health insurance plan, to exercise an option to elect membership in a health maintenance organization (HMO) plan which is under contract with the state in accordance with criteria established by this section and adopted by said rules. The offer

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of optional membership in $\underline{\text{an HMO}}$ a health maintenance organization plan permitted by this paragraph may be limited or conditioned by rule as $\underline{\text{may be}}$ necessary to meet the requirements of state and federal laws.

- 2. The department shall contract with HMOs health maintenance organizations seeking to participate in the state group insurance program through a request for proposal or other procurement process, as developed by the Department of Management Services and determined to be appropriate.
- a. The department shall establish a schedule of minimum benefits for HMO health maintenance organization coverage which includes, and that schedule shall include: physician services; inpatient and outpatient hospital services; emergency medical services, including out-of-area emergency coverage; diagnostic laboratory and diagnostic and therapeutic radiologic services; mental health, alcohol, and chemical dependency treatment services meeting the minimum requirements of state and federal law; skilled nursing facilities and services; prescription drugs; age-based and gender-based wellness benefits; and other benefits as may be required by the department. Additional services may be provided subject to the contract between the department and the HMO. As used in this paragraph, the term "age-based and gender-based wellness benefits" includes aerobic exercise, education in alcohol and substance abuse prevention, blood cholesterol screening, health risk appraisals, blood pressure screening and education, nutrition education, program planning, safety belt education, smoking cessation, stress management, weight management, and women's health education.
 - b. The department may establish uniform deductibles,

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copayments, coverage tiers, or coinsurance schedules for all participating HMO plans.

- c. The department may require detailed information from each HMO health maintenance organization participating in the procurement process, including information pertaining to organizational status, experience in providing prepaid health benefits, accessibility of services, financial stability of the plan, quality of management services, accreditation status, quality of medical services, network access and adequacy, performance measurement, ability to meet the department's reporting requirements, and the actuarial basis of the proposed rates and other data determined by the director to be necessary for the evaluation and selection of HMO health maintenance organization plans and negotiation of appropriate rates for these plans. Upon receipt of proposals by HMO health maintenance organization plans and the evaluation of those proposals, the department may enter into negotiations with all of the plans or a subset of the plans, as the department determines appropriate. Nothing shall preclude The department may negotiate from negotiating regional or statewide contracts with HMO health maintenance organization plans if when this is cost-effective and when the department determines that the plan offers high value to enrollees.
- d. The department may limit the number of HMOs that it contracts with in each service area based on the nature of the bids the department receives, the number of state employees in the service area, or any unique geographical characteristics of the service area. The department shall establish by rule service areas throughout the state.

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e. All persons participating in the state group insurance program may be required to contribute <u>toward</u> towards a total state group health premium that may vary depending upon the plan and coverage tier selected by the enrollee and the level of state contribution authorized by the Legislature.

- 3. The department <u>may</u> is authorized to negotiate and to contract with specialty psychiatric hospitals for mental health benefits, on a regional basis, for alcohol, drug abuse, and mental and nervous disorders. The department may establish, Subject to the approval of the Legislature pursuant to subsection (5), the department may establish any such regional plan upon completion of an actuarial study to determine any impact on plan benefits and premiums.
- 4. In addition to contracting pursuant to subparagraph 2., the department may enter into contract with any HMO to participate in the state group insurance program which:
- a. Serves greater than 5,000 recipients on a prepaid basis under the Medicaid program;
- b. Does not currently meet the 25-percent non-Medicare/non-Medicaid enrollment composition requirement established by the Department of Health excluding participants enrolled in the state group insurance program;
- c. Meets the minimum benefit package and copayments and deductibles contained in sub-subparagraphs 2.a. and b.;
- d. Is willing to participate in the state group insurance program at a cost of premiums that is not greater than 95 percent of the cost of HMO premiums accepted by the department in each service area; and
 - e. Meets the minimum surplus requirements of s. 641.225.

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The department is authorized to contract with HMOs that meet the requirements of sub-subparagraphs a.-d. prior to the open enrollment period for state employees. The department is not required to renew the contract with the HMOs as set forth in this paragraph more than twice. Thereafter, the HMOs shall be eligible to participate in the state group insurance program only through the request for proposal or invitation to negotiate process described in subparagraph 2.

4.5. All enrollees in a state group health insurance plan, a TRICARE supplemental insurance plan, or an HMO any health maintenance organization plan have the option of changing to another any other health plan that is offered by the state within an any open enrollment period designated by the department. Open enrollment shall be held at least once each calendar year.

5.6. If When a contract between a treating provider and the state-contracted HMO health maintenance organization is terminated for any reason other than for cause, each party must shall allow an any enrollee for whom treatment was active to continue coverage and care when medically necessary, through completion of treatment of a condition for which the enrollee was receiving care at the time of the termination, until the enrollee selects another treating provider, or until the next open enrollment period offered, whichever is later longer, but no later longer than 6 months after termination of the contract. Each party to the terminated contract must shall allow an enrollee who has initiated a course of prenatal care, regardless of the trimester in which care was initiated, to continue care

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and coverage until completion of postpartum care. This does not prevent a provider from refusing to continue to provide care to an enrollee who is abusive, noncompliant, or in arrears in payments for services provided. For care continued under this subparagraph, the program and the provider shall continue to be bound by the terms of the terminated contract. Changes made within 30 days before termination of a contract are effective only if agreed to by both parties.

- 6.7. Any HMO participating in the state group insurance program shall submit health care utilization and cost data to the department, in such form and in such manner as the department requires shall require, as a condition of participating in the program. The department shall enter into negotiations with its contracting HMOs to determine the nature and scope of the data submission and the final requirements, format, penalties associated with noncompliance, and timetables for submission. These determinations shall be adopted by rule.
- 7.8. The department may establish and direct, with respect to collective bargaining issues, a comprehensive package of insurance benefits that may include supplemental health and life coverage, dental care, long-term care, vision care, and other benefits it determines necessary to enable state employees to select from among benefit options that best suit their individual and family needs.
- a. Based upon a desired benefit package, the department shall issue a request for proposal or invitation to negotiate for health insurance providers interested in participating in the state group insurance program, and the department shall issue a request for proposal or invitation to negotiate for

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insurance providers interested in participating in the nonhealth-related components of the state group insurance program. Upon receipt of all proposals, the department may enter into contract negotiations with insurance providers submitting bids or negotiate a specially designed benefit package. Insurance providers offering or providing supplemental coverage as of May 30, 1991, which qualify for pretax benefit treatment pursuant to s. 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, with 5,500 or more state employees currently enrolled may be included by the department in the supplemental insurance benefit plan established by the department without participating in a request for proposal, submitting bids, negotiating contracts, or negotiating a specially designed benefit package. These contracts must shall provide state employees with the most costeffective and comprehensive coverage available; however, no state or agency funds may not be contributed shall be contributed toward the cost of any part of the premium of such supplemental benefit plans. With respect to dental coverage, the division shall include in any solicitation or contract for any state group dental program made after July 1, 2001, a comprehensive indemnity dental plan option that which offers enrollees a completely unrestricted choice of dentists. If a dental plan is endorsed, or in some manner recognized as the preferred product, such plan must shall include a comprehensive indemnity dental plan option that which provides enrollees with a completely unrestricted choice of dentists.

b. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of s. $\underline{112.951}$ $\underline{110.161}$, and s. 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the department shall enroll in the pretax benefit program those

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state employees who voluntarily elect coverage in any of the supplemental insurance benefit plans as provided by subsubparagraph a.

- c. This subparagraph does not Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit insurance providers from continuing to provide or offer supplemental benefit coverage to state employees as provided under existing agency plans.
- (4) PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS; CONTRIBUTION BY STATE; LIMITATION ON ACTIONS TO PAY AND COLLECT PREMIUMS.—
- (c) During each policy or budget year, no state agency shall contribute a greater dollar amount of the premium cost for its officers or employees for any plan option under the state group insurance program than any other agency for similar officers and employees, nor shall any greater dollar amount of premium cost be made for employees in one state collective bargaining unit than for those in any other state collective bargaining unit. Nothing in this section prohibits the use of different levels of state contributions for positions exempt from Civil career Service.

Section 79. Section 110.12301, Florida Statutes is transferred, renumbered as section 112.943, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- <u>112.943</u> <u>110.12301</u> Competitive procurement of postpayment claims review services.—The Division of State Group Insurance is directed to competitively procure:
- (1) Postpayment claims review services for the state group health insurance plans established pursuant to s. 112.942
 110.123. Compensation under the contract shall be paid from amounts identified as claim overpayments that are made by or on

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behalf of the health plans and that are recovered by the vendor. The vendor may retain that portion of the amount recovered as provided in the contract. The contract must require the vendor to maintain all necessary documentation supporting the amounts recovered, retained, and remitted to the division; and

(2) A contingency-based contract for dependent eligibility verification services for the state group insurance program; however, compensation under the contract may not exceed historical claim costs for the prior 12 months for the dependent populations disenrolled as a result of the vendor's services. The division may establish a 3-month grace period and hold subscribers harmless for past claims of ineligible dependents. The Department of Management Services shall submit budget amendments pursuant to chapter 216 in order to obtain budget authority necessary to expend funds from the State Employees' Group Health Self-Insurance Trust Fund for payments to the vendor as provided in the contract. The Department of Management Services shall adopt rules providing a process for verifying dependent eligibility.

Section 80. <u>Section 110.12302</u>, Florida Statutes is transferred and renumbered as section 112.944, Florida Statutes.

Section 81. Section 110.12312, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.945, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

112.945 110.12312 Open enrollment period for retirees.—On or after July 1, 1997, the Department of Management Services shall provide for an open enrollment period for retired state employees who want to obtain health insurance coverage under ss. 112.942 and 112.946 110.123 and 110.12315. The options offered

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during the open enrollment period must provide the same health insurance coverage as the coverage provided to active employees under the same premium payment conditions in effect for covered retirees, including eligibility for health insurance subsidy payments under s. 112.363. A person who separates from employment subsequent to May 1, 1988, but whose date of retirement occurs on or after August 1, 1995, is eligible as of the first open enrollment period occurring after July 1, 1997, with an effective date of January 1, 1998, as long as the retiree's enrollment remains in effect.

Section 82. <u>Section 110.12315</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>is</u> transferred and renumbered as section 112.946, Florida Statutes.

Section 83. Section 110.1232, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.947, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

112.947 110.1232 Health insurance coverage for persons retired under state-administered retirement systems before January 1, 1976, and for spouses.—Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the Department of Management Services shall provide health insurance coverage under the state group insurance program for persons who retired before January 1, 1976, under any of the state-administered retirement systems and who are not covered by social security and for the spouses and surviving spouses of such retirees who are also not covered by social security. Such health insurance coverage shall provide the same benefits as provided to other retirees who are entitled to participate under s. 112.942 110.123. The claims experience of this group shall be commingled with the claims experience of other members covered under s. 112.942 110.123.

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3858 Section 84. <u>Section 110.1234</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>is</u>
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Section 86. <u>Section 110.1239</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>is</u> transferred and renumbered as section 112.950, Florida Statutes.

Section 87. Section 110.161, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.951, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of that section is amended to read:

- 112.951 110.161 State employees; pretax benefits program.
- (6) The Department of Management Services is authorized to administer the pretax benefits program established for all employees so that employees may receive benefits that are not includable in gross income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The pretax benefits program:
- (a) Shall allow employee contributions to premiums for the state group insurance program administered under s. $\underline{112.942}$ $\underline{110.123}$ to be paid on a pretax basis unless an employee elects not to participate.

Section 88. Section 112.952, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

112.952 Penalties.-

- (1) Any person who willfully violates any provision of this part or any rules adopted pursuant to this part commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (2) Notwithstanding s. 112.011, any person who is convicted of a misdemeanor under this part is ineligible for appointment

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to or employment in a state position for 5 years, and, if an employee of the state, must forfeit his or her position.

(3) Imposition of the penalties provided in this section may not be in lieu of any action that may be taken or penalties that may be imposed pursuant to part III of this chapter.

Section 89. The Division of Statutory Revision is requested to renumber part IV of chapter 110, Florida Statutes, as part XI of chapter 112, consisting of ss. 112.961-112.965, and to rename that part as "State Volunteer Services."

Section 90. Section 110.501, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.961, Florida Statutes, reordered, and amended to read:

 $\underline{112.961}$ $\underline{110.501}$ Definitions.—As used in this <u>part</u>, the term $\underline{\text{act}}$:

(3)(1) "Volunteer" means any person who, of his or her own free will, provides goods or services, or conveys an interest in or otherwise consents to the use of real property pursuant to chapter 260, to any state department or agency, or nonprofit organization, with no monetary or material compensation. A person registered and serving in Older American Volunteer Programs authorized by the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. No. 93-113), shall also be defined as a volunteer and shall incur no civil liability as provided by s. 768.1355. A volunteer shall be eligible for payment of volunteer benefits as specified in Pub. L. No. 93-113, this section, and s. 430.204.

(2) "Regular-service volunteer" means any person engaged in specific voluntary service activities on an ongoing or continuous basis.

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(3) "Occasional-service volunteer" means any person who offers to provide a one-time or occasional voluntary service.

- (1) (4) "Material donor" means any person who provides funds, materials, employment, or opportunities for clients of state departments or agencies, without monetary or material compensation.
- (2) "State agency" or "agency" means any official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch or judicial branch of state government as defined in chapter 216, unless otherwise exempted by law.

Section 91. Section 110.502, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.962, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- 112.962 110.502 Scope of act; status of volunteers.-
- approval of the agency head, through the head of the department or agency, secretary of the department, or executive director of the department, is authorized to recruit, train, and accept, without regard to the requirements of the Civil State Career Service System as set forth in part II of this chapter, the services of volunteers, including regular-service volunteers, occasional-service volunteers, or material donors, to assist in programs administered by the department or agency.
- (2) Volunteers recruited, trained, or accepted by <u>a any</u> state department or agency <u>are shall</u> not be subject to any provisions of law relating to state employment, <u>a to any</u> collective bargaining agreement between the state and <u>an any</u> employees' association or union, or to any laws relating to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave time, and employee

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benefits, except those consistent with s. 112.964 110.504.

However, all volunteers shall comply with applicable department

or agency rules. Volunteers may be required by the agency to

submit to security background screenings.

- (3) Every state department or agency using utilizing the services of volunteers is hereby authorized to provide such incidental reimbursement or benefit consistent with s. 112.964 the provisions of s. 110.504, including transportation costs, lodging, and subsistence, identification and safety apparel, recognition, and other accommodations as the department or agency deems necessary to assist, recognize, reward, or encourage volunteers in performing their functions. An No department or agency may not shall expend or authorize an expenditure greater than therefor in excess of the amount provided for to the department or agency by appropriation in any fiscal year.
- (4) Persons working with state agencies pursuant to this part $\underline{\text{are}}$ shall be considered as unpaid independent volunteers and are shall not be entitled to unemployment compensation.

Section 92. Section 110.503, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.963, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

- <u>112.963</u> <u>110.503</u> Responsibilities of <u>state</u> <u>departments and</u> agencies.—Each <u>state</u> <u>department or</u> agency <u>using utilizing</u> the services of volunteers shall take such actions as are:
- (1) Take such actions as are Necessary and appropriate to develop meaningful opportunities for volunteers involved in state-administered programs.
 - (2) Necessary to ensure that volunteers are provided with

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the state agency's policies and procedures applicable to their volunteer activities. Comply with the uniform rules adopted by the Department of Management Services governing the recruitment, screening, training, responsibility, use, and supervision of volunteers.

- (3) Take such actions as are Necessary to ensure that volunteers understand their duties and responsibilities.
- (4) Necessary to ensure that a state employee whose primary employment consists of duties and responsibilities similar to those associated with volunteer activities is not considered for volunteer work if such work would require payment for overtime in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- (4) Take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to ensure a receptive climate for citizen volunteers.
- (5) Provide for the recognition of volunteers who have offered continuous and outstanding service to state-administered programs. Each department or agency using the services of volunteers is authorized to incur expenditures not to exceed \$100 each plus applicable taxes for suitable framed certificates, plaques, or other tokens of recognition to honor, reward, or encourage volunteers for their service.
- (6) Recognize prior volunteer service as partial fulfillment of state employment requirements for training and experience pursuant to rules adopted by the Department of Management Services.

Section 93. Section 110.504, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 112.964, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

<u>112.964</u> <u>110.504</u> Volunteer benefits.-

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(1) Meals may be furnished without charge to regular-service volunteers serving state agencies if departments, provided the scheduled assignment extends over an established meal period, and to occasional-service volunteers at the discretion of the department head. An agency may not No department shall expend or authorize any expenditure greater than in excess of the amount provided for by appropriation in any fiscal year.

- (2) Lodging, if available, may be furnished temporarily, in case of <u>an agency</u> a <u>department</u> emergency, at no charge to <u>regular-service</u> volunteers.
- (3) Transportation reimbursement may be furnished <u>to</u> those volunteers whose presence is determined to be necessary to the <u>agency department</u>. Volunteers may <u>use utilize</u> state vehicles in the performance of <u>agency-related department-related</u> duties. <u>An agency may not No department shall</u> expend or authorize an expenditure <u>greater than</u> <u>in excess of</u> the amount appropriated in any fiscal year.
- (4) Volunteers <u>are</u> shall be covered by state liability protection in accordance with the definition of a volunteer and the provisions of s. 768.28.
- (5) Volunteers <u>are</u> shall be covered by workers' compensation in accordance with chapter 440.
- (6) Incidental recognition benefits or incidental nonmonetary awards may be furnished to volunteers serving in state <u>agencies</u> departments to award, recognize, or encourage volunteers for their service. The awards may not cost <u>more than in excess of</u> \$150 \$100 each plus applicable taxes.
 - (7) Volunteers, including volunteers receiving a stipend as

585-00618D-12 20127196 4032 provided by the Domestic Service Volunteer Act of 1973, as 4033 amended, (Pub. L. No. 93-113), are shall be covered by s. 4034 768.1355, the Florida Volunteer Protection Act. 4035 Section 94. Section 112.965, Florida Statutes, is created 4036 to read: 4037 112.965 Penalties.-4038 (1) Any person who willfully violates any provision of this 4039 part or any rules adopted pursuant to this part commits a 4040 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 4041 775.082 or s. 775.083. 4042 (2) Notwithstanding s. 112.011, any person who is convicted 4043 of a misdemeanor under this part is ineligible for appointment 4044 to or employment in a state position for 5 years, or, if an 4045 employee of the state, must forfeit his or her position. 4046 (3) Imposition of the penalties provided in this section 4047 may not be in lieu of any action that may be taken or penalties 4048 that may be imposed pursuant to part III of this chapter. 4049 Section 95. Sections 110.115, 110.118, 110.124, 110.129, 4050 110.1521, 110.1522, 110.1523, 110.171, 110.201, 110.2035, 4051 110.21, 110.406, 110.603, 110.604, and 110.606, Florida 4052 Statutes, are repealed. 4053 Section 96. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 11.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 4054 4055 11.13 Compensation of members.— 4056 (1)4057 (b) On Effective July 1, 1986, and each July 1 of each year 4058 thereafter, the annual salaries of members of the Senate and 4059 House of Representatives shall be adjusted by the average

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service employees for the fiscal year just concluded. The Appropriations Committee of each house shall certify to the Office of Legislative Services the average percentage increase in the salaries of <u>civil</u> state career service employees before July 1 of each year. The Office of Legislative Services shall, as of July 1 of each year, determine the adjusted annual salaries as provided in this paragraph herein.

Section 97. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 20.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 20.055 Agency inspectors general.-
- (1) For the purposes of this section:
- (c) "Individuals substantially affected" means natural persons who have established a real and sufficiently immediate injury in fact due to the findings, conclusions, or recommendations of a final report of a state agency inspector general, who are the subject of the audit or investigation, and who do not have or are not currently afforded an existing right to an independent review process. The term does not include:
- 1. Employees of the state, including <u>civil</u> career service, probationary, other personal service, selected exempt service, and senior management service employees, are not covered by this definition. This definition also does not cover
- $\underline{2.}$ Former employees of the state if the final report of the state agency inspector general relates to matters arising during a former employee's term of state employment. This definition does not apply to
- 3. Persons who are the subject of audits or investigations conducted pursuant to ss. 112.3187-112.31895 or s. 409.913 or which are otherwise confidential and exempt under s. 119.07.

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Section 98. Subsection (6) of section 20.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 20.21 Department of Revenue.—There is created a Department of Revenue.
- (6) Notwithstanding <u>s. 112.942</u> the provisions of s. 110.123, relating to the state group insurance program, the department may pay, or participate in the payment of, premiums for health, accident, and life insurance for its full-time out-of-state employees, pursuant to such rules as it may adopt, which and such payments <u>are shall be</u> in addition to the employees' the regular salaries of such full-time out-of-state employees.

Section 99. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and subsection (6) of section 20.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized agency.

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- (e) The Any secretary appointed after July 5, 1989, and the assistant secretaries are shall be exempt from part IV the provisions of part III of chapter 110 and shall receive compensation commensurate with their qualifications and competitive with compensation for comparable responsibility in the private sector.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 110.205, the Department of Management Services <u>may</u> is authorized to exempt positions within the Department of Transportation which are comparable to positions within the Senior Management Service pursuant to s. $\underline{110.205(2)(g)}$ $\underline{110.205(2)(j)}$ or positions <u>that</u>

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4119 which are comparable to positions in the Selected Exempt Service 4120 under s. $110.205(2)(i) \frac{110.205(2)(m)}{m}$.

Section 100. Subsection (2) of section 20.255, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 20.255 Department of Environmental Protection.—There is created a Department of Environmental Protection.
- (2) (a) There shall be three deputy secretaries who are to be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary. The secretary may assign any deputy secretary the responsibility to supervise, coordinate, and formulate policy for any division, office, or district. The following special offices are established and headed by managers, each of whom is to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary:
 - 1. Office of Chief of Staff;
 - 2. Office of General Counsel;
 - 3. Office of Inspector General;
 - 4. Office of External Affairs;
 - 5. Office of Legislative Affairs;
 - 6. Office of Intergovernmental Programs; and
 - 7. Office of Greenways and Trails.
- (b) There shall be six administrative districts involved in regulatory matters of waste management, water resource management, wetlands, and air resources, which shall be headed by managers, each of whom is to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary. Divisions of the department may have one assistant or two deputy division directors, as required to facilitate effective operation.

The managers of all divisions and offices specifically named in

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this section and the directors of the six administrative districts are exempt from part II of chapter 110 and are included in the Senior Management Service in accordance with s. 110.205(2)(g) 110.205(2)(j).

Section 101. Paragraph (d) of subsection (19) of section 24.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 24.105 Powers and duties of department.—The department shall:
- (19) Employ division directors and other staff as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; however:
- (d) The department shall establish and maintain a personnel program for its employees, including a personnel classification and pay plan that which may provide any or all of the benefits provided in the Senior Management Service or Selected Exempt Service. Each officer or employee of the department is shall be a member of the Florida Retirement System. The retirement class of each officer or employee is shall be the same as other persons performing comparable functions for other agencies. Employees of the department shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary and are shall be subject to suspension, dismissal, reduction in pay, demotion, transfer, or other personnel action at the discretion of the secretary. Such personnel actions are exempt from the provisions of chapter 120. All employees of the department are exempt from the Civil Career Service System provided in chapter 110 and, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 110.205(3) $\frac{110.205(5)}{}$, are not included in either the Senior Management Service or the Selected Exempt Service. However, all employees of the department are subject to all standards of conduct adopted by rule for civil career service and senior

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management employees pursuant to chapter 110. In the event of a conflict between standards of conduct applicable to employees of the Department of the Lottery, the more restrictive standard applies shall apply. Interpretations as to the more restrictive standard may be provided by the Commission on Ethics upon request of an advisory opinion pursuant to s. 112.322(3)(a), and for purposes of this subsection, the opinion shall be considered final action.

Section 102. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 24.122, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 24.122 Exemption from taxation; state preemption; inapplicability of other laws.—
- (4) Any state or local law providing any penalty, disability, restriction, or prohibition for the possession, manufacture, transportation, distribution, advertising, or sale of any lottery ticket, including chapter 849, shall not apply to the tickets of the state lottery operated pursuant to this act; nor shall any such law apply to the possession of a ticket issued by any other government-operated lottery. In addition, activities of the department under this act are exempt from the provisions of:
- (d) Section $\underline{112.907}$ $\underline{110.131}$, relating to other personal services.

Section 103. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 30.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 30.071 Applicability and scope of act.-
- 4203 (1) This act applies to all deputy sheriffs, with the 4204 following exceptions:
 - (b) Deputy sheriffs in a county that, by special act of the

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Legislature, local charter, ordinance, or otherwise, has established a civil or career service system that which grants collective bargaining rights for deputy sheriffs, including, but not limited to, deputy sheriffs in the following counties:

Broward, Miami-Dade, Duval, Escambia, and Volusia.

Section 104. Subsection (4) of section 43.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 43.16 Justice Administrative Commission; membership, powers and duties.—
- (4) (a) The Justice Administrative Commission shall employ an executive director and fix his or her salary. The executive director shall employ any necessary personnel for the efficient performance of the commission according to a classification and pay plan annually approved by the commission.
- (b) <u>Pursuant to s. 110.205(2)(r)</u>, all employees of or within the commission are exempt from the <u>Civil</u> Career Service System provided in chapter 110 and, notwithstanding s. <u>110.205(3)</u> <u>110.205(5)</u>, are not included in the Senior Management Service or the Selected Exempt Service. The commission shall annually approve a classification plan and salary and benefits plan.
- (c) Employees in permanent positions must be offered benefits comparable to those offered under the $\underline{\text{Civil}}$ Career Service System.
- (d) The commission may offer benefits greater than in excess of those offered under the <u>Civil Career Service System</u> only to employees who are appointed to positions designated as having managerial or policymaking duties or positions requiring membership in The Florida Bar.

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(e) By January 15 15th of each year, the commission shall submit to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a listing of all positions receiving benefits greater than those benefits offered under the Civil Career Service System. Any change in the positions that are offered greater benefits or any change in the level of benefits is subject to the notice and objection procedures of s. 216.177.

Section 105. Subsection (4) of section 104.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 104.31 Political activities of state, county, and municipal officers and employees.—
- (4) Nothing contained in this section or in any county or municipal charter shall be deemed to prohibit any public employee from expressing his or her opinions on any candidate or issue or from participating in any political campaign during the employee's off-duty hours, so long as such activities are not in conflict with the provisions of subsection (1) or s. 110.1075 110.233.

Section 106. Subsection (4) of section 106.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 106.24 Florida Elections Commission; membership; powers; duties.—
- (4) The commission shall appoint an executive director, who shall serve under the direction, supervision, and control of the commission. The executive director, with the consent of the commission, shall employ such staff as are necessary to adequately perform the functions of the commission, within budgetary limitations. All employees, except the executive

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director and attorneys, are subject to part II of chapter 110. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the commission and <u>is</u> be subject to part <u>IV</u> III of chapter 110, except that the commission shall have complete authority for setting the executive director's salary. Attorneys employed by the commission <u>are</u> shall be subject to part <u>III</u> \forall of chapter 110.

Section 107. Subsection (4) of section 112.044, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.044 Public employers, employment agencies, labor organizations; discrimination based on age prohibited; exceptions; remedy.—

(4) APPEAL; CIVIL SUIT AUTHORIZED.—Any employee of the state who is within the Civil Career Service System established by chapter 110 and who is aggrieved by a violation of this act may appeal to the Public Employees Relations Commission under the conditions and following the procedures prescribed in part II of chapter 447. Any person other than an employee who is within the Civil Career Service System established by chapter 110, or any person employed by the Public Employees Relations Commission, who is aggrieved by a violation of this act may bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction for such legal or equitable relief as will effectuate the purposes of this act.

Section 108. Section 112.0805, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.0805 Employer notice of insurance eligibility to employees who retire.—An Any employer who provides insurance coverage under s. $\underline{112.942}$ $\underline{110.123}$ or s. 112.0801 shall notify

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those employees who retire of their eligibility to participate in either the same group insurance plan or self-insurance plan as provided in ss. 112.942 110.123 and 112.0801, or the insurance coverage as provided by this law.

Section 109. Paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section 112.313, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—
- (9) POSTEMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS; STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES.—
- (a)1. It is the intent of the Legislature to implement by statute the provisions of s. 8(e), Art. II of the State Constitution relating to legislators, statewide elected officers, appointed state officers, and designated public employees.
 - 2. As used in this paragraph:
 - a. "Employee" means:
- (I) Any person employed in the executive or legislative branch of government holding a position in the Senior Management Service as defined in s. 110.402 or any person holding a position in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in s. 110.3021 110.602 or any person having authority over policy or procurement employed by the Department of the Lottery.
- (II) The Auditor General, the director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives.
- (III) The executive director and deputy executive director of the Commission on Ethics.

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(IV) An executive director, staff director, or deputy staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or select committee of the Legislature; an executive director, staff director, executive assistant, analyst, or attorney of the Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party Office, Senate Minority Party Office, House Majority Party Office, or House Minority Party Office; or any person, hired on a contractual basis, having the power normally conferred upon such persons, by whatever title.

- (V) The Chancellor and Vice Chancellors of the State University System; the general counsel to the Board of Governors of the State University System; and the president, provost, vice presidents, and deans of each state university.
- (VI) Any person, including an other-personal-services employee, having the power normally conferred upon the positions referenced in this sub-subparagraph.
- b. "Appointed state officer" means any member of an appointive board, commission, committee, council, or authority of the executive or legislative branch of state government whose powers, jurisdiction, and authority are not solely advisory and include the final determination or adjudication of any personal or property rights, duties, or obligations, other than those relative to its internal operations.
- c. "State agency" means an entity of the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of state government over which the Legislature exercises plenary budgetary and statutory control.
- 3. \underline{A} No member of the Legislature, appointed state officer, or statewide elected officer may not shall personally represent

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another person or entity for compensation before the government body or agency of which the individual was an officer or member for a period of 2 years following vacation of office. A No member of the Legislature $\underline{\text{may not}}$ shall personally represent another person or entity for compensation during his or her term of office before any state agency other than judicial tribunals or in settlement negotiations after the filing of a lawsuit.

- 4. An agency employee, including an agency employee who was employed on July 1, 2001, in a civil Career service System position that was transferred to the Selected Exempt Service System under chapter 2001-43, Laws of Florida, may not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the agency with which he or she was employed for a period of 2 years following vacation of position, unless employed by another agency of state government.
- 5. Any person violating this paragraph \underline{is} shall be subject to the penalties provided in s. 112.317 and a civil penalty \underline{of} an amount equal to the compensation \underline{that} which the person receives for the prohibited conduct.
 - 6. This paragraph is not applicable to:
- a. A person employed by the Legislature or other agency before prior to July 1, 1989;
- b. A person who was employed by the Legislature or other agency on July 1, 1989, whether or not the person was a defined employee on July 1, 1989;
- c. A person who was a defined employee of the State University System or the Public Service Commission who held such employment on December 31, 1994;
 - d. A person who has reached normal retirement age as

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defined in s. 121.021(29), and who has retired under the provisions of chapter 121 by July 1, 1991; or

e. Any appointed state officer whose term of office began before January 1, 1995, unless reappointed to that office on or after January 1, 1995.

Section 110. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 112.3145 Disclosure of financial interests and clients represented before agencies.—
- (1) For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:
 - (b) "Specified state employee" means:
- 1. Public counsel created by chapter 350, an assistant state attorney, an assistant public defender, a full-time state employee who serves as counsel or assistant counsel to any state agency, the Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims, a judge of compensation claims, an administrative law judge, or a hearing officer.
- 2. Any person employed in the office of the Governor or in the office of any member of the Cabinet if that person is exempt from the <u>Civil Career</u> Service System, except persons employed in clerical, secretarial, or similar positions.
- 3. The State Surgeon General or each appointed secretary, assistant secretary, deputy secretary, executive director, assistant executive director, or deputy executive director of each state department, commission, board, or council; unless otherwise provided, the division director, assistant division director, deputy director, bureau chief, and assistant bureau chief of any state department or division; or any person having

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the power normally conferred upon such persons, by whatever title.

- 4. The superintendent or institute director of a state mental health institute established for training and research in the mental health field or the warden or director of any major state institution or facility established for corrections, training, treatment, or rehabilitation.
- 5. Business managers, purchasing agents having the power to make any purchase exceeding the threshold amount provided for in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY ONE, finance and accounting directors, personnel officers, or grants coordinators for any state agency.
- 6. Any person, other than a legislative assistant exempted by the presiding officer of the house that employs by which the legislative assistant is employed, who is employed in the legislative branch of government, except persons employed in maintenance, clerical, secretarial, or similar positions.
 - 7. Each employee of the Commission on Ethics.

Section 111. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 112.363, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 112.363 Retiree health insurance subsidy.-
- (2) ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY.-
- (a) A person who is retired under a state-administered retirement system, or a beneficiary who is a spouse or financial dependent entitled to receive benefits under a state-administered retirement system, is eligible for health insurance subsidy payments provided under this section; except that pension recipients under ss. 121.40, 238.07(18)(a), and 250.22, recipients of health insurance coverage under s. 112.947 110.1232, or any other special pension or relief act are shall

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4438 not be eligible for such payments.

Section 112. Subsections (11) and (38) of section 121.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

121.021 Definitions.—The following words and phrases as used in this chapter have the respective meanings set forth unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

- (11) "Officer or employee" means any person receiving salary payments for work performed in a regularly established position and, if employed by a municipality, a metropolitan planning organization, or a special district, employed in a covered group. The term does not apply to state employees covered by a leasing agreement under s. 112.922 110.191, other public employees covered by a leasing agreement, or a coemployer relationship.
- (38) "Continuous service" means creditable service as a member, beginning with the first day of employment with an employer covered under a state-administered retirement system consolidated herein and continuing for as long as the member remains in an employer-employee relationship with the an employer covered under this chapter. An absence of 1 calendar month or more from an employer's payroll is shall be considered a break in continuous service, except for periods of absence during which an employer-employee relationship continues to exist and such period of absence is creditable under this chapter or under one of the existing systems consolidated herein. However, a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 121.0515(3)(a) who was a member of a state-administered retirement system under chapter 122 or chapter 321 and who resigned and was subsequently reemployed in a law enforcement

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4467 position within 12 calendar months of such resignation by an 4468 employer under a such state-administered retirement system is 4469 shall be deemed not to have not experienced a break in service. 4470 Further, with respect to a state-employed law enforcement 4471 officer who meets the criteria specified in s. 121.0515(3)(a), 4472 if the absence from the employer's payroll is the result of a "layoff" as defined in s. $110.1054 \frac{110.107}{}$ or a resignation to 4473 run for an elected office that meets the criteria specified in 4474 4475 s. 121.0515(3)(a), no break in continuous service shall be 4476 deemed to have occurred if the member is reemployed as a state 4477 law enforcement officer or is elected to an office that which 4478 meets the criteria specified in s. 121.0515(3)(a) within 12 4479 calendar months after the date of the layoff or resignation, 4480 notwithstanding the fact that such period of layoff or 4481 resignation is not creditable service under this chapter. A 4482 withdrawal of contributions constitutes will constitute a break in service. Continuous service also includes past service 4483 4484 purchased under this chapter if, provided such service is 4485 continuous within this definition and the rules established by 4486 the administrator. The administrator may establish 4487 administrative rules and procedures for applying this definition 4488 to creditable service authorized under this chapter. Any 4489 correctional officer, as defined in s. 943.10, whose 4490 participation in the state-administered retirement system is 4491 terminated due to the transfer of a county detention facility 4492 through a contractual agreement with a private entity pursuant 4493 to s. 951.062, is shall be deemed an employee with continuous 4494 service in the Special Risk Class if, provided return to 4495 employment with the former employer takes place within 3 years

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due to contract termination or the officer is employed by a covered employer in a special risk position within 1 year after his or her initial termination of employment by such transfer of its detention facilities to the private entity.

Section 113. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section 121.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 121.051 Participation in the system.-
- (2) OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION.—
- (f)1. If an employer that participates in the Florida Retirement System undertakes the transfer, merger, or consolidation of governmental services or assumes the functions and activities of an employing governmental entity that was not an employer under the system, the employer must notify the department at least 60 days before such action and provide documentation as required by the department. Such The transfer, merger, or consolidation of governmental services or assumption of governmental functions and activities must occur between public employers. The current or former employer may pay the employees' past service cost, unless prohibited under this chapter. This subparagraph does not apply to the transfer, merger, or consolidation of governmental services or assumption of functions and activities of a public entity under a leasing agreement having a coemployer relationship. Employers and employees of a public governmental employer whose service is covered by a leasing agreement under s. 112.922 110.191, any other leasing agreement, or a coemployer relationship may not are not eligible to participate in the Florida Retirement System.
 - 2. If the agency to which a member's employing unit is

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transferred, merged, or consolidated does not participate in the Florida Retirement System, a member may elect in writing to remain in the Florida Retirement system or to transfer to the local retirement system operated by the agency. If the agency does not participate in a local retirement system, the member shall continue membership in the Florida Retirement System. In either case, membership continues for as long as the member is employed by the agency to which his or her unit was transferred, merged, or consolidated.

Section 114. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 121.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.055 Senior Management Service Class.—There is hereby established a separate class of membership within the Florida Retirement System to be known as the "Senior Management Service Class," which shall become effective February 1, 1987.

(1) (a) Participation in the Senior Management Service Class is shall be limited to and compulsory for any member of the Florida Retirement System who holds a position in the Senior Management Service of the State of Florida, established under by part IV III of chapter 110, unless such member elects, within the time specified herein, to participate in the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program as established in subsection (6).

Section 115. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 121.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.35 Optional retirement program for the State University $\mbox{\sc System.-}$

- (2) ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN OPTIONAL PROGRAM.-
- (a) Participation in the optional retirement program is

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provided by this section shall be limited to persons who are otherwise eligible for membership or renewed membership in the Florida Retirement System and who are employed in one of the following State University System positions:

- 1. Positions classified as instructional and research faculty which are exempt from the <u>Civil career</u> Service under the provisions of s. 110.205(2)(d).
- 2. Positions classified as administrative and professional which are exempt from the $\underline{\text{Civil}}$ career Service under the $\underline{\text{provisions of}}$ s. 110.205(2)(d).
 - 3. The Chancellor and the university presidents.
- Section 116. Section 145.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 145.19 Annual percentage increases based on increase for civil state career service employees; limitation.—
 - (1) As used in this section, the term:
 - (a) "Annual factor" means 1 plus the lesser of:
- 1. The average percentage increase in the salaries of <u>civil</u> state career service employees for the current fiscal year as determined by the Department of Management Services or as provided in the General Appropriations Act; or
 - 2. Seven percent.
- (b) "Cumulative annual factor" means the product of all annual factors certified under this act <u>before</u> prior to the fiscal year for which salaries are being calculated.
- (c) "Initial factor" means a factor of 1.292, which is a product, rounded to the nearest thousandth, of an earlier cost-of-living increase factor authorized by chapter 73-173, Laws of Florida, and intended by the Legislature to be preserved in

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adjustments to salaries made <u>before the</u> prior to enactment of chapter 76-80, Laws of Florida, multiplied by the annual increase factor authorized by chapter 79-327, Laws of Florida.

(2) Each fiscal year, the salaries of all officials listed in this chapter, s. 1001.395, and s. 1001.47 shall be adjusted. The adjusted salary rate <u>is shall be</u> the product, rounded to the nearest dollar, of the salary rate granted by the appropriate section of this chapter, s. 1001.395, or s. 1001.47 multiplied first by the initial factor, then by the cumulative annual factor, and finally by the annual factor. The Department of Management Services shall certify the annual factor and the cumulative annual factors. Any special qualification salary received under this chapter, s. 1001.47, or the annual performance salary incentive available to elected superintendents under s. 1001.47 shall be added to <u>the such</u> adjusted salary rate. The special qualification salary <u>is shall</u> be \$2,000, but shall not exceed \$2,000.

Section 117. Subsection (2) of section 216.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.011 Definitions.-

(2) For purposes of this chapter, terms related to the State Personnel System are personnel affairs of the state shall be defined as set forth in s. 110.1054 110.107.

Section 118. Paragraph (b) of subsection (10) of section 216.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216.181 Approved budgets for operations and fixed capital outlay.—

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(b) Lump-sum salary bonuses may be provided only if

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specifically appropriated or provided pursuant to s. 110.1245 or 4613 s. 216.1815.

Section 119. Subsection (2) of section 260.0125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

260.0125 Limitation on liability of private landowners whose property is designated as part of the statewide system of greenways and trails.—

(2) A Any private landowner who consents to designation of his or her land as part of the statewide system of greenways and trails pursuant to s. 260.016(2)(d) without compensation is shall be considered a volunteer, as defined in s. $\underline{112.961}$ $\underline{110.501}$, and is shall be covered by state liability protection pursuant to s. 768.28, including s. 768.28(9).

Section 120. Section 287.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.175 Penalties.—A violation of this part or a rule adopted hereunder, pursuant to applicable constitutional and statutory procedures, constitutes misuse of public position as defined in s. 112.313(6), and is punishable as provided in s. 112.317. The Chief Financial Officer shall report incidents of suspected misuse to the Commission on Ethics, and the commission shall investigate possible violations of this part or rules adopted hereunder when reported by the Chief Financial Officer, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 112.324. Any violation of this part or a rule is adopted hereunder shall be presumed to have been committed with wrongful intent, but such presumption is rebuttable. Nothing in This section is not intended to deny rights provided to civil career service employees by s. 110.227.

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Section 121. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section

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4641 295.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295.07 Preference in appointment and retention.-

- (4) The following positions are exempt from this section:
- (a) Those positions that are exempt from the <u>Civil</u> state Career Service System under s. 110.205.(2); However, all positions under the University Support Personnel System of the State University System as well as all <u>civil</u> Career service System positions under the Florida Community College System and the School for the Deaf and the Blind, or the equivalent of such positions at state universities, community colleges, or the School for the Deaf and the Blind, are included.

Section 122. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 295.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295.09 Reinstatement or reemployment; promotion preference.—

(1) (a) If When an employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions employed in a position subject or not subject to a civil career service system or other merit-type system, with the exception of those positions that which are exempt pursuant to s. 295.07(4), has served in the Armed Forces of the United States and is discharged or separated therefrom with an honorable discharge, the state or its political subdivision shall reemploy or reinstate such person to the same position that he or she held before prior to such service in the armed forces, or to an equivalent position, if provided such person returns to the position within 1 year after of his or her date of separation or, in cases of extended active duty, within 1 year after of the date of discharge or separation subsequent to the extension. Such person shall also be awarded preference

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in promotion and shall be promoted ahead of all others who are as well qualified or less qualified for the position. If When an examination for promotion is used utilized, such person shall be awarded preference points, as provided in s. 295.08, and shall be promoted ahead of all those who appear in an equal or lesser position on the promotional register if, provided he or she first successfully passes the examination for the promotional position.

Section 123. Subsection (3) of section 296.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

296.04 Administrator; duties and qualifications; responsibilities.—

(3) The administrator position shall be assigned to the Selected Exempt Service under part <u>III</u> \(\foatsize \) of chapter 110. The director shall give veterans' preference in selecting an administrator, as provided in ss. 295.07 and 295.085. In addition, the administrator must have at least a 4-year degree from an accredited university or college and 3 years of administrative experience in a health care facility, or any equivalent combination of experience, training, and education totaling 7 years in work relating to administration of a health care facility.

Section 124. Subsection (2) of section 296.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

296.34 Administrator; qualifications, duties, and responsibilities.—

(2) The position shall be assigned to the Selected Exempt Service under part $\overline{\text{III}}$ \forall of chapter 110. The director shall give veterans preference in selecting an administrator, as provided

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in ss. 295.07 and 295.085. The administrator, at the time of entering employment and at all times while employed as the administrator must hold a current valid license as a nursing home administrator under part II of chapter 468.

Section 125. Subsection (2) of section 381.00315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.00315 Public health advisories; public health emergencies.—The State Health Officer is responsible for declaring public health emergencies and issuing public health advisories.

(2) Individuals who assist the State Health Officer at his or her request on a volunteer basis during a public health emergency are entitled to the benefits specified in s. $112.964(2)-(5) \frac{110.504(2)}{(3)}$, (4), and (5).

Section 126. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 381.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.85 Biomedical and social research.

- (3) REVIEW COUNCIL FOR BIOMEDICAL AND SOCIAL RESEARCH.-
- (e) The council shall be staffed by an executive director and a secretary who shall be appointed by the council and who are shall be exempt from the provisions of part II of chapter 110 relating to the Civil Career Service System.

Section 127. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 394.47865, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.47865 South Florida State Hospital; privatization.-

(3) (a) Current South Florida State Hospital employees who are affected by the privatization shall be given first preference for continued employment by the contractor. The department shall make reasonable efforts to find suitable job

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placements for employees who wish to remain within the state Civil Career Service System.

Section 128. Section 402.3057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

402.3057 Persons not required to be refingerprinted or rescreened.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, human resource personnel who have been fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393, 394, 397, 402, and 409, and teachers and noninstructional personnel who have been fingerprinted pursuant to chapter 1012, who have not been unemployed for more than 90 days thereafter, and who under the penalty of perjury attest to the completion of such fingerprinting or screening and to compliance with the provisions of this section and the standards for good moral character as contained in such provisions as ss. 112.928
110.1127(3), 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2), and 409.175(6), are shall not be required to be refingerprinted or rescreened in order to comply with any caretaker screening or fingerprinting requirements.

Section 129. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 402.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

402.55 Management fellows program.-

- (2) The departments are authorized to establish a management fellows program in order to provide highly qualified career candidates for key administrative and managerial positions in the departments. Such program shall include, but is not limited to:
- (a) The identification annually by the secretaries, the assistant secretaries, and the district administrator in each

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district of one high-potential $\underline{\text{civil}}$ career service employee each, to be designated and appointed to serve as a full-time health and rehabilitative services management fellow for $\frac{\text{a}}{\text{period of }}$ 1 year.

Section 130. Subsection (4) of section 402.7305, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

402.7305 Department of Children and Family Services; procurement of contractual services; contract management.

- department shall establish contract monitoring units staffed by Civil career service employees who report to a member of the Selected Exempt Service or Senior Management Service and who have been properly trained to perform contract monitoring. At least one member of the contract monitoring unit must possess specific knowledge and experience in the contract's program area. The department shall establish a contract monitoring process that includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:
- (a) Performing a risk assessment at the start of each fiscal year and preparing an annual contract monitoring schedule that considers the level of risk assigned. The department may monitor any contract at any time regardless of whether such monitoring was originally included in the annual contract monitoring schedule.
- (b) Preparing a contract monitoring plan, including sampling procedures, before performing onsite monitoring at external locations of a service provider. The plan must include a description of the programmatic, fiscal, and administrative components that will be monitored on site. If appropriate,

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4786 clinical and therapeutic components may be included.

- (c) Conducting analyses of the performance and compliance of an external service provider by means of desk reviews if the external service provider will not be monitored on site during a fiscal year.
- (d) Unless the department sets forth in writing the need for an extension, providing a written report presenting the results of the monitoring within 30 days after the completion of the onsite monitoring or desk review.
- (e) Developing and maintaining a set of procedures describing the contract monitoring process.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the department shall limit monitoring of a child-caring or child-placing services provider under this subsection to only once per year. Such monitoring may not duplicate administrative monitoring that is included in the survey of a child welfare provider conducted by a national accreditation organization specified under s. 402.7306(1).

Section 131. Subsection (2) of section 402.731, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 402.731 Department of Children and Family Services certification programs for employees and service providers; employment provisions for transition to community-based care.—
- (2) The department shall develop and implement employment programs to attract and retain competent staff to support and facilitate the transition to privatized community-based care. Such employment programs <u>must shall</u> include lump-sum bonuses, salary incentives, relocation allowances, or severance pay. The

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department shall also contract for the delivery or administration of outplacement services. The department shall establish time-limited exempt positions as provided in s. $\frac{110.205(2)(f)}{110.205(2)(i)}$, in accordance with the authority provided in s. 216.262(1)(c)1. Employees appointed to fill such exempt positions shall have the same salaries and benefits as civil career service employees.

Section 132. Section 409.1757, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.1757 Persons not required to be refingerprinted or rescreened.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, human resource personnel who have been fingerprinted or screened pursuant to chapters 393, 394, 397, 402, and this chapter, and teachers who have been fingerprinted pursuant to chapter 1012, who have not been unemployed for more than 90 days thereafter, and who under the penalty of perjury attest to the completion of such fingerprinting or screening and to compliance with the provisions of this section and the standards for good moral character as contained in such provisions as ss. 112.928 110.1127(3), 393.0655(1), 394.457(6), 397.451, 402.305(2), and 409.175(6), are shall not be required to be refingerprinted or rescreened in order to comply with any caretaker screening or fingerprinting requirements.

Section 133. Subsection (1) of section 409.9205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.9205 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.-

(1) Except as provided in s. 110.205, all positions in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Department of Legal Affairs are hereby transferred to the Civil Career Service System.

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Section 134. Section 414.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

414.37 Public assistance overpayment recovery privatization; reemployment of laid-off career service employees.—Should civil career service employees of the Department of Children and Family Services be subject to layoff after July 1, 1995, due to the privatization of public assistance overpayment recovery functions, the privatization contract must shall require the contracting firm to give priority consideration to employment of such employees. In addition, a task force composed of representatives from the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Management Services shall be established to provide reemployment assistance to such employees.

Section 135. Subsection (7) of section 427.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

427.012 The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.—There is created the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged in the Department of Transportation.

(7) The commission shall appoint an executive director who shall serve under the direction, supervision, and control of the commission. The executive director, with the consent of the commission, shall employ such personnel as may be necessary to perform adequately the functions of the commission within budgetary limitations. Employees of the commission are exempt from the Civil Career Service System.

Section 136. Paragraph (o) of subsection (1) of section 440.102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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440.102 Drug-free workplace program requirements.—The following provisions apply to a drug-free workplace program implemented pursuant to law or to rules adopted by the Agency for Health Care Administration:

- (1) DEFINITIONS.—Except where the context otherwise requires, as used in this act:
- (o) "Safety-sensitive position" means, with respect to a public employer, a position in which a drug impairment constitutes an immediate and direct threat to public health or safety, such as a position that requires the employee to carry a firearm, perform life-threatening procedures, work with confidential information or documents pertaining to criminal investigations, or work with controlled substances; a position subject to s. 112.928 110.1127; or a position in which a momentary lapse in attention could result in injury or death to another person.

Section 137. Subsection (2) of section 447.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.203 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(2) "Public employer" or "employer" means the state or any county, municipality, or special district, or any subdivision or agency thereof, which the commission determines has sufficient legal distinctiveness properly to properly carry out the functions of a public employer. With respect to all public employees determined by the commission as properly belonging to a statewide bargaining unit composed of state civil Career service System employees or selected exempt Professional service employees, the Governor is shall be deemed to be the public employer; and the Board of Governors of the State University

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System, or the board's designee, is shall be deemed to be the 4903 public employer with respect to all public employees of each 4904 constituent state university. The board of trustees of a 4905 community college is shall be deemed to be the public employer 4906 with respect to all employees of the community college. The 4907 district school board is shall be deemed to be the public employer with respect to all employees of the school district. 4909 The Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind is shall be deemed to be the public employer with respect 4911 to the academic and academic administrative personnel of the 4912 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. The Governor is shall 4913 be deemed to be the public employer with respect to all employees in the Correctional Education Program of the 4915 Department of Corrections established pursuant to s. 944.801.

Section 138. Subsection (8) and paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section 447.207, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 447.207 Commission; powers and duties.

- (8) The commission or its designated agent shall hear appeals arising out of any suspension, reduction in pay, demotion, or dismissal of any permanent employee in the Civil State Career Service System in the manner provided in s. 110.227.
- (9) Pursuant to s. 447.208, the commission or its designated agent shall hear appeals, and enter such orders as it deems appropriate, arising out of:
- (a) Section 110.124, relating to termination or transfer of State Career Service System employees aged 65 or older.
 - (a) (b) Section 112.044(4), relating to age discrimination.
 - (b) (c) Section 295.11, relating to reasons for not

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4931 employing a preferred veteran applicant.

Section 139. Section 447.209, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.209 Public employer's rights.—It is the right of the public employer to determine unilaterally the purpose of each of its constituent agencies, set standards of services to be offered to the public, and exercise control and discretion over its organization and operations. It is also the right of the public employer to direct its employees, take disciplinary action for proper cause, and relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons. However, the exercise of such rights does shall not preclude employees or their representatives from raising grievances, should decisions on the above matters have the practical consequence of violating the terms and conditions of any collective bargaining agreement in force or any civil or career service rule regulation.

Section 140. Section 447.401, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

447.401 Grievance procedures.—Each public employer and bargaining agent shall negotiate a grievance procedure to be used for the settlement of disputes between employer and employee, or group of employees, involving the interpretation or application of a collective bargaining agreement. Such grievance procedure shall have as its terminal step a final and binding disposition by an impartial neutral, mutually selected by the parties; however, if when the issue under appeal is an allegation of abuse, abandonment, or neglect by an employee under s. 39.201 or s. 415.1034, the grievance may not be decided

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until the abuse, abandonment, or neglect of a child has been judicially determined. However, an arbiter or other neutral may shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, modify, or alter the terms of a collective bargaining agreement. If an employee organization is certified as the bargaining agent of a unit, the grievance procedure then in existence may be the subject of collective bargaining, and any agreement that which is reached supersedes shall supersede the previously existing procedure. All public employees shall have the right to a fair and equitable grievance procedure administered without regard to membership or nonmembership in any organization, except that certified employee organizations may shall not be required to process grievances for employees who are not members of the organization. A civil career service employee may use shall have the option of utilizing the civil service appeal procedure, an unfair labor practice procedure, or a grievance procedure established under this section, but such employee may not avail is precluded from availing himself or herself of to more than one of these procedures.

Section 141. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 456.048, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.048 Financial responsibility requirements for certain health care practitioners.—

- (2) The board or department may grant exemptions upon application by practitioners meeting any of the following criteria:
- (a) Any person licensed under chapter 457, s. 458.3475, s. 459.023, chapter 460, chapter 461, s. 464.012, chapter 466, or chapter 467 who practices exclusively as an officer, employee,

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or agent of the Federal Government or of the state or its agencies or its subdivisions. For the purposes of this subsection, an agent of the state, its agencies, or its subdivisions is a person who is eligible for coverage under any self-insurance or insurance program authorized by the provisions of s. 768.28(16) or who is a volunteer as defined in s. 112.961 under s. 110.501(1).

Section 142. Section 551.116, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

551.116 Days and hours of operation.—Slot machine gaming areas may be open daily throughout the year. The slot machine gaming areas may be open a <u>total cumulative amount</u> of 18 hours per day on Monday through Friday, and 24 hours per day on Saturday and Sunday, and on those holidays specified in s.

112.929 110.117(1).

Section 143. Subsection (29) of section 570.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

(29) To advance funds monthly to <u>civil eareer</u> service employees to be used for the purchase of official state samples for state examination. Each monthly advance shall be <u>in an amount</u> equal to one-twelfth of the actual expenses paid the position for samples in the previous fiscal year or, in the case of a new position, one-twelfth of the expenses paid for samples of a similar classification in the previous fiscal year; however, in the event of unusual circumstances, such advances may be increased for up to <u>a period not to exceed</u> 60 days.

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Advances shall be granted only to <u>civil career</u> service employees who have executed a proper power of attorney with the department to ensure the collection of such advances if not timely repaid.

Section 144. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 601.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

601.10 Powers of the Department of Citrus.—The Department of Citrus shall have and shall exercise such general and specific powers as are delegated to it by this chapter and other statutes of the state, which powers shall include, but shall not be confined to, the following:

- (3) To employ and, at its pleasure, discharge an executive director as it deems necessary and to outline his or her powers and duties and fix his or her compensation.
- (b) The Department of Citrus may pay, or participate in the payment of, premiums for health, accident, and life insurance for its full-time employees, pursuant to such rules or regulations as it may adopt; and such payments are in addition to the regular salaries of such full-time employees. The payment of such or similar benefits to its employees in foreign countries, including, but not limited to, social security, retirement, and other similar fringe benefit costs, may be in accordance with laws in effect in the country of employment, except that no benefits will be payable to employees not authorized for other state employees are not payable to its employees, as provided in the Civil Career Service System.

Section 145. Subsection (6) of section 624.307, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.307 General powers; duties.-

(6) The department and office may each employ actuaries who

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shall be at-will employees and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Financial Officer, in the case of department employees, or at the pleasure of the director of the office, in the case of office employees. Actuaries employed pursuant to this paragraph <u>must shall</u> be members of the Society of Actuaries or the Casualty Actuarial Society and <u>are shall be</u> exempt from the <u>Civil Career</u> Service <u>System</u> established under chapter 110. The salaries of the actuaries employed pursuant to this paragraph <u>shall be set in accordance with s. 216.251(2)(a)5. and shall be set at levels which are commensurate with <u>those salary levels</u> paid to actuaries by the insurance industry.</u>

Section 146. Subsection (3) of section 624.437, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 624.437 "Multiple-employer welfare arrangement" defined; certificate of authority required; penalty.—
- (3) This section does not apply to a multiple-employer welfare arrangement that which offers or provides benefits that which are fully insured by an authorized insurer, to an arrangement that which is exempt from state insurance regulation in accordance with Pub. L. No. 93-406, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, or to the state group health insurance program administered under s. 112.942 pursuant to s. 110.123.

Section 147. Paragraph (h) of subsection (4) of section 627.6488, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 627.6488 Florida Comprehensive Health Association.-
- (4) The association shall:
- (h) Contract with preferred provider organizations and health maintenance organizations giving due consideration to $\underline{\text{those}}$ the preferred provider organizations and health

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maintenance organizations that which have contracted with the state group health insurance program pursuant to s. 112.942 110.123. If cost-effective and available in the county where the policyholder resides, the board, upon application or renewal of a policy, shall place a high-risk individual, as established under s. 627.6498(4)(a)4., with the plan case manager who shall determine the most cost-effective quality care system or health care provider and shall place the individual in such system or with such health care provider. If cost-effective and available in the county where the policyholder resides, the board, with the consent of the policyholder, may place a low-risk or mediumrisk individual, as established under s. 627.6498(4)(a)4., with the plan case manager who may determine the most cost-effective quality care system or health care provider and shall place the individual in such system or with such health care provider. Before Prior to and during the implementation of case management, the plan case manager shall obtain input from the policyholder, parent, or quardian.

Section 148. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 627.649, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.649 Administrator.—

- (1) The board shall select an administrator, through a competitive bidding process, to administer the plan. The board shall evaluate bids submitted under this subsection based on criteria established by the board, which criteria shall include:
- (a) The administrator's proven ability to handle large group accident and health insurance. and Due consideration shall be given to an any administrator who has acted as a third-party administrator for the state group health insurance program

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5105 pursuant to s. <u>112.942</u> 110.123.

Section 149. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 627.6498, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 627.6498 Minimum benefits coverage; exclusions; premiums;

deductibles.-

- (2) BENEFITS.-
- (a) The plan shall offer major medical expense coverage similar to that provided by the state group health insurance program under s. 112.942, as defined in s. 110.123 except as specified in subsection (3), to every eligible person who is not eligible for Medicare. Major medical expense coverage offered under the plan must shall pay an eligible person's covered expenses, subject to limits on the deductible and coinsurance payments authorized under subsection (4), up to a lifetime limit of \$500,000 per covered individual. The maximum limit may under this paragraph shall not be altered by the board, and an no actuarially equivalent benefit may not be substituted by the board.
- (3) COVERED EXPENSES.—The coverage to be issued by the association <u>must shall</u> be patterned after the state group health insurance program as <u>provided in s. 112.942</u> defined in s. 110.123, including its benefits, exclusions, and other limitations, except as otherwise provided in this act. The plan may cover the cost of experimental drugs that which have been approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration on an experimental basis if the cost is less than the usual and customary treatment. Such coverage <u>applies shall</u> only apply to those insureds who are in the case management system upon the approval of the insured, the case manager, and the board.

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Section 150. Subsection (4) of section 627.6617, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 627.6617 Coverage for home health care services.-
- 5137 (4) The provisions of this section do shall not apply to a 5138 multiple-employer welfare arrangement as defined in s. 5139
 - 624.437(1) and in the State Health Plan as provided in s.
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- Section 151. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 627.6686, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 627.6686 Coverage for individuals with autism spectrum disorder required; exception.-
 - (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (d) "Health insurance plan" means a group health insurance policy or group health benefit plan offered by an insurer which includes the state group insurance program provided under s. $112.942 \frac{110.123}{}$. The term does not include a $\frac{1}{1}$ insurance plan offered in the individual market which, any health insurance plan that is individually underwritten, or any health insurance plan provided to a small employer.
- Section 152. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 849.086, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 849.086 Cardrooms authorized.-
 - (7) CONDITIONS FOR OPERATING A CARDROOM.
- (b) A Any cardroom operator may operate a cardroom at the pari-mutuel facility daily throughout the year, if the permitholder meets the requirements under paragraph (5)(b). The cardroom may be open a total cumulative amount of 18 hours per day on Monday through Friday, and 24 hours per day on Saturday and Sunday, and on the holidays specified in s. 112.929

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Section 153. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 943.0585, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.0585 Court-ordered expunction of criminal history records.-The courts of this state have jurisdiction over their own procedures, including the maintenance, expunction, and correction of judicial records containing criminal history information to the extent such procedures are not inconsistent with the conditions, responsibilities, and duties established by this section. Any court of competent jurisdiction may order a criminal justice agency to expunge the criminal history record of a minor or an adult who complies with the requirements of this section. The court shall not order a criminal justice agency to expunge a criminal history record until the person seeking to expunge a criminal history record has applied for and received a certificate of eligibility for expunction pursuant to subsection (2). A criminal history record that relates to a violation of s. 393.135, s. 394.4593, s. 787.025, chapter 794, s. 796.03, s. 800.04, s. 810.14, s. 817.034, s. 825.1025, s. 827.071, chapter 839, s. 847.0133, s. 847.0135, s. 847.0145, s. 893.135, s. 916.1075, a violation enumerated in s. 907.041, or any violation specified as a predicate offense for registration as a sexual predator pursuant to s. 775.21, without regard to whether that offense alone is sufficient to require such registration, or for registration as a sexual offender pursuant to s. 943.0435, may not be expunged, without regard to whether adjudication was withheld, if the defendant was found guilty of or pled quilty or nolo contendere to the offense, or if the defendant, as a minor, was found to have committed, or pled

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guilty or nolo contendere to committing, the offense as a delinquent act. The court may only order expunction of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity, except as provided in this section. The court may, at its sole discretion, order the expunction of a criminal history record pertaining to more than one arrest if the additional arrests directly relate to the original arrest. If the court intends to order the expunction of records pertaining to such additional arrests, such intent must be specified in the order. A criminal justice agency may not expunge any record pertaining to such additional arrests if the order to expunge does not articulate the intention of the court to expunge a record pertaining to more than one arrest. This section does not prevent the court from ordering the expunction of only a portion of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a criminal justice agency may comply with laws, court orders, and official requests of other jurisdictions relating to expunction, correction, or confidential handling of criminal history records or information derived therefrom. This section does not confer any right to the expunction of any criminal history record, and any request for expunction of a criminal history record may be denied at the sole discretion of the court.

(4) EFFECT OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD EXPUNCTION.—Any criminal history record of a minor or an adult which is ordered expunged by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to this section must be physically destroyed or obliterated by any criminal justice agency having custody of such record; except

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that any criminal history record in the custody of the department must be retained in all cases. A criminal history record ordered expunged that is retained by the department is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and not available to any person or entity except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction. A criminal justice agency may retain a notation indicating compliance with an order to expunge.

- (a) The person who is the subject of a criminal history record that is expunged under this section or under other provisions of law, including former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, and former s. 943.058, may lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge the arrests covered by the expunged record, unless except when the subject of the record:
- 1. Is a candidate for employment with a criminal justice agency;
 - 2. Is a defendant in a criminal prosecution;
- 3. Concurrently or subsequently petitions for relief under this section or s. 943.059;
 - 4. Is a candidate for admission to The Florida Bar;
- 5. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by or to contract with the Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, or the Department of Juvenile Justice or to be employed or used by such contractor or licensee in a sensitive position having direct contact with children, the developmentally disabled, the aged, or the elderly as provided in s. 112.928 110.1127(3), s. 393.063, s. 394.4572(1), s. 397.451, s. 402.302(3), s. 402.313(3), s. 409.175(2)(i), s.

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5250 415.102(5), chapter 916, s. 985.644, chapter 400, or chapter 5251 429;

- 6. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by the Department of Education, any district school board, any university laboratory school, any charter school, any private or parochial school, or any local governmental entity that licenses child care facilities; or
- 7. Is seeking authorization from a seaport listed in s. 311.09 for employment within or access to one or more of such seaports pursuant to s. 311.12.

Section 154. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 943.059, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.059 Court-ordered sealing of criminal history records.-The courts of this state shall continue to have jurisdiction over their own procedures, including the maintenance, sealing, and correction of judicial records containing criminal history information to the extent such procedures are not inconsistent with the conditions, responsibilities, and duties established by this section. Any court of competent jurisdiction may order a criminal justice agency to seal the criminal history record of a minor or an adult who complies with the requirements of this section. The court shall not order a criminal justice agency to seal a criminal history record until the person seeking to seal a criminal history record has applied for and received a certificate of eligibility for sealing pursuant to subsection (2). A criminal history record that relates to a violation of s. 393.135, s. 394.4593, s. 787.025, chapter 794, s. 796.03, s. 800.04, s. 810.14, s. 817.034, s. 825.1025, s. 827.071, chapter 839, s. 847.0133, s. 847.0135, s. 847.0145, s. 893.135, s.

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916.1075, a violation enumerated in s. 907.041, or any violation specified as a predicate offense for registration as a sexual predator pursuant to s. 775.21, without regard to whether that offense alone is sufficient to require such registration, or for registration as a sexual offender pursuant to s. 943.0435, may not be sealed, without regard to whether adjudication was withheld, if the defendant was found quilty of or pled quilty or nolo contendere to the offense, or if the defendant, as a minor, was found to have committed or pled guilty or nolo contendere to committing the offense as a delinquent act. The court may only order sealing of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity, except as provided in this section. The court may, at its sole discretion, order the sealing of a criminal history record pertaining to more than one arrest if the additional arrests directly relate to the original arrest. If the court intends to order the sealing of records pertaining to such additional arrests, such intent must be specified in the order. A criminal justice agency may not seal any record pertaining to such additional arrests if the order to seal does not articulate the intention of the court to seal records pertaining to more than one arrest. This section does not prevent the court from ordering the sealing of only a portion of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a criminal justice agency may comply with laws, court orders, and official requests of other jurisdictions relating to sealing, correction, or confidential handling of criminal history records or information derived therefrom. This section does not confer any right to the sealing of any criminal

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history record, and any request for sealing a criminal history record may be denied at the sole discretion of the court.

- (4) EFFECT OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD SEALING.—A criminal history record of a minor or an adult which is ordered sealed by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to this section is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and is available only to the person who is the subject of the record, to the subject's attorney, to criminal justice agencies for their respective criminal justice purposes, which include conducting a criminal history background check for approval of firearms purchases or transfers as authorized by state or federal law, to judges in the state courts system for the purpose of assisting them in their case—related decisionmaking responsibilities, as set forth in s. 943.053(5), or to those entities set forth in subparagraphs (a)1., 4., 5., 6., and 8. for their respective licensing, access authorization, and employment purposes.
- (a) The subject of a criminal history record sealed under this section or under other provisions of law, including former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, and former s. 943.058, may lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge the arrests covered by the sealed record, except if when the subject of the record:
- 1. Is a candidate for employment with a criminal justice agency;
 - 2. Is a defendant in a criminal prosecution;
- 3. Concurrently or subsequently petitions for relief under this section or s. 943.0585;
 - 4. Is a candidate for admission to The Florida Bar;
 - 5. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by or to contract

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- for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with
- 5339 Disabilities, or the Department of Juvenile Justice or to be
- 5340 employed or used by such contractor or licensee in a sensitive
- 5341 position having direct contact with children, the
- 5342 developmentally disabled, the aged, or the elderly as provided
- 5343 in s. 112.928 110.1127(3), s. 393.063, s. 394.4572(1), s.
- 5344 397.451, s. 402.302(3), s. 402.313(3), s. 409.175(2)(i), s.
- 5345 415.102(5), s. 415.103, chapter 916, s. 985.644, chapter 400, or
- 5346 chapter 429;
- 6. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by the Department
- of Education, any district school board, any university
- 5349 laboratory school, any charter school, any private or parochial
- 5350 school, or any local governmental entity that licenses child
- 5351 care facilities;
- 7. Is attempting to purchase a firearm from a licensed
- 5353 importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer and is
- 5354 subject to a criminal history check under state or federal law;
- 5355 or
- 8. Is seeking authorization from a Florida seaport
- identified in s. 311.09 for employment within or access to one
- 5358 or more of such seaports pursuant to s. 311.12.
- Section 155. Subsection (2) of section 945.043, Florida
- 5360 Statutes, is amended to read:
- 5361 945.043 Department-operated day care services.-
- 5362 (2) The department is exempt from $\underline{s. 112.918}$ the
- 5363 requirements of s. 110.151.
- Section 156. Subsection (1) of section 946.525, Florida
- 5365 Statutes, is amended to read:

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946.525 Participation by the corporation in the state group health insurance and prescription drug programs.—

(1) The board of directors of the corporation established under this part may apply for participation in the state group health insurance program authorized <u>under s. 112.942 in s. 110.123</u> and the prescription drug coverage program authorized <u>under s. 112.946 by s. 110.12315</u> by submitting an application along with a \$500 nonrefundable fee to the Department of Management Services.

Section 157. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 985.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.045 Court records.-

- (4) A court record of proceedings under this chapter is not admissible in evidence in any other civil or criminal proceeding, except that:
- (e) Records of proceedings under this chapter may be used to prove disqualification under ss. <u>112.928</u> 110.1127, 393.0655, 394.457, 397.451, 402.305, 402.313, 409.175, 409.176, and 985.644.

Section 158. Paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of section 1001.705, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.705 Responsibility for the State University System under s. 7, Art. IX of the State Constitution.—

(2) CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—In accordance with s. 7, Art. IX of the State Constitution, the Board of Governors of the State University System has the duty to operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole publicly funded State University System and the board, or the

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5395 board's designee, has responsibility for:

(k) Establishing a personnel system for all state university employees; however, the Department of Management Services shall retain authority over state university employees for programs established in ss. 112.942 110.123, 112.947 110.1232, 112.948 110.1234, 112.949 110.1238, and 112.951 110.161, and in chapters 121, 122, and 238.

Section 159. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.-

- (6) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PERSONNEL.-
- (b) The Department of Management Services shall retain authority over state university employees for programs established in ss. 112.942 110.123, 112.947 110.1232, 112.948 110.1234, 112.949 110.1238, and 112.951 110.161 and in chapters 121, 122, and 238. Unless specifically authorized by law, neither the Board of Governors nor a state university may offer group insurance programs for employees as a substitute for or as an alternative to the health insurance programs offered pursuant to chapter 112 110.

Section 160. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 1001.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.74 Powers and duties of university boards of trustees.—

- (5) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PERSONNEL.—
- (c) The Department of Management Services shall retain authority over state university employees for programs established in ss. 112.942 110.123, 112.947 110.1232, 112.948 110.1234, 112.949 110.1238, and 112.951 110.161 and in chapters

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neither the Board of Governors nor a state university may offer
group insurance programs for employees as a substitute for or as
an alternative to the health insurance programs offered pursuant
to chapter 112 110.

Section 161. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) and paragraph (f) of subsection (8) of section 1002.36, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.36 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.-

- (4) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—
- (f) The board of trustees shall:
- 1. Prepare and submit legislative budget requests for operations and fixed capital outlay, in accordance with chapter 216 and ss. 1011.56 and 1013.60, to the Department of Education for review and approval. The department must analyze the amount requested for fixed capital outlay to determine if the request is consistent with the school's campus master plan, educational plant survey, and facilities master plan. Projections of facility space needs may exceed the norm space and occupant design criteria established in the State Requirements for Educational Facilities.
- 2. Approve and administer an annual operating budget in accordance with ss. 1011.56 and 1011.57.
- 3. Require all funds received other than gifts, donations, bequests, funds raised by or belonging to student clubs or student organizations, and funds held for specific students or in accounts for individual students to be deposited in the State Treasury and expended as authorized in the General Appropriations Act.

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4. Require all purchases to be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 287 except for purchases made with funds received as gifts, donations, or bequests; funds raised by or belonging to student clubs or student organizations; or funds held for specific students or in accounts for individual students.

- 5. Administer and maintain personnel programs for all employees of the board of trustees and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind who shall be state employees, including the personnel classification and pay plan established in accordance with ss. 110.205(2)(d) and 216.251(2)(a)2. for academic and academic administrative personnel, the provisions of chapter 110, and the provisions of law that grant authority to the Department of Management Services over such programs for state employees.
- 6. Give preference in appointment and retention in positions of employment as provided within s. 295.07(1).
- 7. Ensure that the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind complies with s. 1013.351 concerning the coordination of planning between the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and local governing bodies.
- 8. Ensure that the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind complies with s. 112.061 concerning per diem and travel expenses of public officers, employees, and authorized persons with respect to all funds other than funds received as gifts, donations, or bequests; funds raised by or belonging to student clubs or student organizations; or funds held for specific students or in accounts for individual students.
 - 9. Adopt a master plan $\underline{\text{that}}$ which specifies the mission and

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objectives of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for systematically measuring the school's progress toward meeting its objectives, analyzing changes in the student population, and modifying school programs and services to respond to such changes. The plan shall be for a period of 5 years and shall be reviewed for needed modifications every 2 years. The board of trustees shall submit the initial plan and subsequent modifications to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

- 10. Designate a portion of the school as "The Verle Allyn Pope Complex for the Deaf," in tribute to the late Senator Verle Allyn Pope.
 - (8) CAMPUS POLICE.
- (f) The board of trustees shall adopt rules, including, without limitation, rules for the appointment, employment, and removal of campus police in accordance with the Civil State
 Career
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 and shall establish in writing a policy manual, that includes, without limitation, procedures for managing routine law enforcement situations and emergency law enforcement situations. The board of trustees shall furnish a copy of the policy manual to each of the campus police officers it employs. A campus police officer appointed by the board of trustees must have completed the training required by the school in the special needs and proper procedures for dealing with students served by the school.

Section 162. Section 1012.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.62 Transfer of sick leave and annual leave.-In

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5511 implementing the provisions of ss. 402.22(1)(d) and 5512 1001.42(4)(m), educational personnel in Department of Children and Family Services residential care facilities who are employed 5513 5514 by a district school board may request, and the district school 5515 board shall accept, a lump-sum transfer of accumulated sick 5516 leave for such personnel to the maximum allowed by policies of 5517 the district school board, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 5518 112.913 110.122. Educational personnel in Department of Children 5519 and Family Services residential care facilities who are employed 5520 by a district school board under the provisions of s. 5521 402.22(1)(d) may request, and the district school board shall 5522 accept, a lump-sum transfer of accumulated annual leave for each 5523 person employed by the district school board in a position in 5524 the district eligible to accrue vacation leave under the 5525 policies of the district school board.

Section 163. Subsection (5) of section 1012.79, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 1012.79 Education Practices Commission; organization.
- (5) The commission, by a vote of three-fourths of the membership, shall employ an executive director, who shall be exempt from the Civil career Service. The executive director may be dismissed by a majority vote of the membership.

Section 164. Subsection (6) of section 1012.88, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 1012.88 Florida College System institution police.-
- (6) The Florida College System institution, with the approval of the Department of Law Enforcement, shall adopt rules, including, without limitation, rules for the appointment, employment, and removal of Florida College System institution

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police in accordance with the <u>Civil</u> state Career Service <u>under chapter 110</u> System and shall establish in writing a policy manual, that includes, without limitation, procedures for managing routine law enforcement situations and emergency law enforcement situations. The Florida College System institution shall furnish a copy of the policy manual to each of the police officers it employs.

Section 165. Section 1012.96, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.96 IFAS extension personnel; federal health insurance programs notwithstanding the provisions of s. 110.123.—

Notwithstanding s. 112.942, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida may pay the employer's share of premiums to the Federal Health Benefits Insurance Program from its appropriated budget for any cooperative extension employee of the institute having both state and federal appointments and participating in the Federal Civil Service Retirement System.

Section 166. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.