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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Soto) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Blue Ribbon Task Force.—The Blue Ribbon Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created within the Department of Children and Families for a duration of 1 year. The task force is created for the express purpose of comprehensively reviewing the alimony laws in this state as compared with all other states, reviewing historical trends in alimony, reviewing the conditions that affect alimony



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12 awards, and providing findings and recommendations.

13 (1) The task force is composed of 12 members, as follows:

14 (a) The Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court or his
15 or her designee, who shall serve as chair of the task force.

16 (b) The Attorney General or his or her designee.

17 (c) The Secretary of the Department of Children and
18 Families or his or her designee.

19 (d) Five members of the general public, two of whom must be
20 attorneys licensed in this state with a specialization in family
21 law, all five appointed by the Governor.

22 (e) Four members from the Legislature, one each appointed
23 by the President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the House of
25 Representatives Minority Leader.

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27 To the extent that it is possible, the commission should consist
28 of an equal number of male and female members.

29 (2) Members of the task force shall serve without
30 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
31 travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

32 (3) The task force, at a minimum, shall study and report on
33 the following issues:

34 (a) The scope of alimony laws in this state as compared
35 with those in other states.

36 (b) The historical trends in alimony awards.

37 (c) The current economic conditions that have affected
38 trends in state alimony awards.

39 (4) The Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court or his
40 or her designee shall submit a report to the Governor, the



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41 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives by July 1, 2017, containing the task force's
43 recommendations regarding the comprehensive reviews it must
44 conduct. If the task force recommends revisions to state law,
45 the report must include proposed language and policy reasons.
46 Upon submission of the report, the task force shall expire.

47 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete everything before the enacting clause

52 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

54 An act relating to alimony; creating the Blue Ribbon

55 Task Force within the Department of Children and

56 Families; specifying membership of the task force;

57 authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel

58 expenses; prescribing duties of the task force;

59 requiring submission of a report to the Governor and

60 the Legislature by a specified date; providing for

61 expiration of the task force; providing an effective

62 date.