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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Department of Citrus employees;
3 amending s. 601.10, F.S.; authorizing the Department
4 of Citrus to loan or share department employees with
5 specified state and federal entities; authorizing the
6 department to enter into agreements with such
7 entities; providing that agreements are subject to
8 prior approval by the department; deleting provisions
9 setting out the required work schedule for the
10 department; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 601.10, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 601.10 Powers of the Department of Citrus.—The department
17 shall have and shall exercise such general and specific powers
18 as are delegated to it by this chapter and other statutes of the
19 state, which powers shall include, but are not limited to, the
20 following:

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

25 (a) The payment of such or similar benefits to its

26 employees in foreign countries, including, but not limited to,
27 social security, retirement, and other similar fringe benefit
28 costs, may be in accordance with laws in effect in the country
29 of employment, except that no benefits will be payable to
30 employees not authorized for other state employees, as provided
31 in the Career Service System.

32 (b) The department may loan or share department employees
33 with other state and federal agencies, state universities, or
34 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for
35 marketing and promotion orders authorized under the authority of
36 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or its
37 direct support organizations or for orders adopted under the
38 authority of the United States Secretary of Agriculture. The
39 department may enter into agreements with such entity or
40 entities under terms and conditions as will benefit the state,
41 if the agency or entity to which the employee is loaned or
42 shared reimburses the state for all pay and benefits of the
43 employee, not including a service fee for administration. If the
44 entity directly pays the loaned or shared employee his or her
45 salary and benefits, if applicable, an agreement with the
46 department is not necessary and the employee may work part-time
47 with the department under terms and conditions mutually agreed
48 between the department and the employee. All arrangements made
49 pursuant to this paragraph are subject to prior approval by the
50 department ~~Subject to all applicable rules adopted by the~~

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51 ~~Department of Management Services, the department shall be~~
52 ~~staffed 5 days per week, 40 hours per week, as necessary to~~
53 ~~accommodate industry inquiries. However, the executive director,~~
54 ~~with the commission's approval, may establish alternative~~
55 ~~schedules for individual department employees to ensure maximum~~
56 ~~efficiencies.~~

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.