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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Benacquisto) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 54 - 172

and insert:

Section 2. Section 15.182, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15.182 International travel by state-funded musical, cultural, or artistic organizations; notification to the Department of State ~~Economic Opportunity~~.—

(1) If a musical, cultural, or artistic organization that receives state funding is traveling internationally for a



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12 presentation, performance, or other significant public viewing,
13 including an organization associated with a college or
14 university, such organization shall notify the Department of
15 State Economic Opportunity in writing of its intentions to
16 travel, together with the date, time, and location of each
17 appearance. The notice shall be provided to the department at
18 least 30 days prior to the date the international travel is to
19 commence or, when an intention to travel internationally is not
20 formed at least 30 days in advance of the date the travel is to
21 commence, as soon as feasible after forming such travel
22 intention. The department shall take an active role in informing
23 such artistic organizations of the responsibility to provide
24 notice of international travel intentions.

25 (2) The Department of State Economic Opportunity, in
26 conjunction with the Department of Economic Opportunity and
27 Enterprise Florida, Inc., shall act as an intermediary between
28 performing musical, cultural, and artistic organizations and
29 Florida businesses to encourage and coordinate joint
30 undertakings. Such coordination may include, but is not limited
31 to, encouraging business and industry to sponsor cultural
32 events, assistance with travel of such organizations, and
33 coordinating travel schedules of cultural performance groups and
34 international trade missions.

35 ~~(3) An organization shall provide the notification to the~~
36 ~~Department of State required by this section at least 30 days~~
37 ~~before the date the international travel is to commence or, when~~
38 ~~an intention to travel internationally is not formed at least 30~~
39 ~~days in advance of the date the travel is to commence, as soon~~
40 ~~as feasible after forming such travel intention. The Department~~



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~~of State shall take an active role in informing such groups of the responsibility to notify the department of travel intentions.~~

Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 288.816, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

(2) The state protocol officer shall be responsible for all consular relations between the state and all foreign governments doing business in Florida. The state protocol officer shall monitor United States laws and directives to ensure that all federal treaties regarding foreign privileges and immunities are properly observed. The state protocol officer shall:

~~(c) Issue certificates to such foreign governmental officials after verification pursuant to proper investigations through United States Department of State sources and the appropriate foreign government.~~

~~(d) Verify entitlement to sales and use tax exemptions pursuant to United States Department of State guidelines and identification methods.~~

(3) The state protocol officer may ~~shall operate the sister city and sister state program and establish such new programs as needed to further global understanding through the interchange of people, ideas, and culture between Florida and the world. To accomplish this purpose, the state protocol officer shall have the power and authority to:~~

(a) Coordinate and carry out activities designed to encourage the state and its subdivisions to participate in sister city and sister state affiliations with foreign countries



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and their subdivisions. Such activities may include a State of Florida sister cities conference.

(b) Encourage cooperation with and disseminate information pertaining to the Sister Cities International Program and any other program whose object is to promote linkages with foreign countries and their subdivisions.

(c) Maximize any aid available from all levels of government, public and private agencies, and other entities to facilitate such activities.

~~(d) Establish a viable system of registration for sister city and sister state affiliations between the state and foreign countries and their subdivisions. Such system shall include a method to determine that sufficient ties are properly established as well as a method to supervise how these ties are maintained.~~

~~(e) Maintain a current and accurate listing of all such affiliations. Sister city affiliations shall not be discouraged between the state and any country specified in s. 620(f)(1) of the federal Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, with whom the United States is currently conducting diplomatic relations unless a mandate from the United States Government expressly prohibits such affiliations.~~

Section 4. Section 288.8165, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

288.8165 Citizen support organizations.—

(1) CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS.—The Department of State may authorize the establishment of citizen support organizations to provide assistance, funding, and promotional support for the intergovernmental programs of the department. For the purposes



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of this section, a "citizen support organization" means an organization which:

(a) Is a Florida corporation not for profit incorporated under chapter 617 and approved by the Department of State.

(b) Is organized and operated to conduct programs and activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, or real or personal property; and make expenditures for the benefit of the intergovernmental programs of the department; except that such organization may not receive funds from the department by grant or gift unless specifically authorized by the Legislature. If the citizen support organization by contract provides fiscal and administrative services to the department for a grant or program that benefits the intergovernmental programs of the department, the organization may be reimbursed or compensated for such services by the department if the services are a direct benefit to the intergovernmental programs of the department.

(c) The department has determined to be consistent with the goals of the intergovernmental programs of the department and in the best interests of the state.

(d) Is approved in writing by the department to operate for the benefit of the intergovernmental programs of the department. Such approval must be stated in a letter of agreement from the Secretary of State.

(2) USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND PROPERTY.—

(a) The department may permit a citizen support organization to use department property, facilities, and personnel free of charge. A citizen support organization may use



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department property, facilities, and personnel if such use is
consistent with the approved purpose of that citizen support
organization and if such use does not unreasonably interfere
with the general public's use of department property,
facilities, and personnel for established purposes.

(b) The department may prescribe conditions upon the use by
a citizen support organization of department property,
facilities, or personnel.

(c) The department may not permit the use of any property,
facilities, or personnel of the state by a citizen support
organization that does not provide equal membership and
employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race,
color, national origin, religion, sex, or age.

(3) ANNUAL AUDIT.—Each citizen support organization shall
provide for an annual financial audit in accordance with s.
215.981.

(4) FUTURE REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1,
2025, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 16 - 21

and insert:

creating s. 288.8165; authorizing the Department of
State to support the establishment of citizen support
organizations for certain purposes; defining the term
"citizen support organization"; prohibiting the
department from allowing a