

By the Committees on Fiscal Policy; Commerce and Economic Opportunities; Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs; and Senators Hargrett, Latvala, Holzendorf, Childers, Laurent and Meek

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to community development;
3 creating the Community and Faith-based
4 Organizations initiative within the Institute
5 on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida
6 Agricultural and Mechanical University;
7 providing for the initiative to promote
8 community development through partnerships with
9 community and faith-based organizations;
10 specifying the activities to be conducted by
11 the initiative; providing for financial
12 assistance to community and faith-based
13 organizations; requiring the development of
14 grant-selection criteria; requiring leveraging
15 of funds; creating the Community and Library
16 Technology Access Partnership; specifying the
17 activities to be conducted by the partnership;
18 requiring the Institute on Urban Policy and
19 Commerce at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
20 University to administer the initiative and the
21 Division of Library and Information Services of
22 the Department of State to administer the
23 Community and Library Technology Access
24 Partnership; authorizing certain activities and
25 uses of funds; prescribing eligibility of
26 organizations for funding or assistance;
27 requiring review and evaluation; providing
28 appropriations; creating a community
29 computer-access grant program, to be known as
30 the Community High-Technology Investment
31 Partnership, or "CHIP," program; providing

1 legislative intent; providing purposes of the
2 program; providing for grants to be awarded to
3 eligible neighborhood facilities; providing for
4 the Division of Libraries and Information
5 Services of the Department of State to
6 administer the grant program; providing
7 requirements for grant applications;
8 prescribing the maximum amount of a grant;
9 requiring a grant agreement between the
10 division and the recipient facility; providing
11 for establishing minimum specifications of
12 computers purchased under the program;
13 providing for an evaluation and a report;
14 authorizing the division to contract with the
15 Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce for
16 program administration; authorizing the
17 institute to subcontract for specified
18 assistance services; creating an inner city
19 redevelopment assistance grants program;
20 providing duties of the Office of Tourism,
21 Trade, and Economic Development; prescribing
22 eligibility requirements for grants; providing
23 expected outcomes from grants; creating the
24 Inner City Redevelopment Review Panel and
25 providing its membership and duties; providing
26 legislative findings; amending s. 14.2015,
27 F.S.; directing the Office of Urban Opportunity
28 to give priority to projects receiving certain
29 federal grants; amending s. 163.2523, F.S.;
30 providing allocation criteria for the Urban
31 Infill and Redevelopment Grant Program;

1 amending s. 420.5087, F.S.; providing
2 allocation criteria for the State Apartment
3 Incentive Loan Program; amending s. 420.5089,
4 F.S.; providing allocation criteria for the
5 HOME Investment Partnership Program; amending
6 s. 420.5093, F.S.; giving priority to certain
7 projects in the State Housing Tax Credit
8 Program; amending s. 420.5099, F.S.; giving
9 priority to certain projects in the allocation
10 of low-income housing tax credits; providing an
11 effective date.

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13 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
14 Development awards grants under the Revitalization of Severely
15 Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI) program to redevelop
16 distressed public housing sites, and

17 WHEREAS, these HOPE VI grants intend to create new
18 housing units and broader housing opportunities for families
19 who are eligible for public housing assistance, and

20 WHEREAS, older, distressed, or substandard public
21 housing sites can create a blighting influence on the
22 surrounding neighborhoods, and

23 WHEREAS, the redevelopment of these public housing
24 sites creates unique opportunities to disperse the location of
25 publicly owned or assisted housing and its low-income
26 residents, and

27 WHEREAS, such redevelopment offers an opportunity to
28 spur the redevelopment of the surrounding neighborhoods, and

29 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the state should
30 encourage the broader redevelopment of neighborhoods
31 surrounding HOPE VI sites by working in partnership with the

1 public housing authority, the unit of local government, and
2 the residents of the public housing and surrounding
3 neighborhoods, and

4 WHEREAS, many community and faith-based organizations
5 are providing a new focus on economic uplift in Florida's poor
6 and most vulnerable neighborhoods, and

7 WHEREAS, these nonprofit organizations have local
8 experts who serve in leadership roles by assisting individuals
9 to move from dependency to self-sufficiency and restoring the
10 lives of residents in Florida's most distressed communities,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, crime, drug addiction, teenage pregnancy,
13 homelessness, and juvenile delinquency, the most notable
14 indicators of a distressed community, are being addressed by
15 small, and sometimes unrecognized, community and faith-based
16 organizations, and

17 WHEREAS, the leadership and expertise of these
18 organizations should not be ignored, and

19 WHEREAS, a recognized effort to empower community and
20 faith-based organizations, encourage community revitalization,
21 and implement educational reform will help those who reside in
22 inner cities and distressed rural communities to gain their
23 share of the state's resources, and

24 WHEREAS, residents of low income communities lack
25 access to technology, the internet, and computer literacy
26 needed to succeed in Florida's emerging information-based
27 economy, and

28 WHEREAS, Florida public libraries eligible for e-rate
29 discounts have the capacity to partner effectively with
30 community and faith-based organizations and agencies to
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1 provide technology access and training to assist in closing
2 the digital divide, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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6 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 14.2015, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 14.2015 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
9 Development; creation; powers and duties.--

10 (9)(a) The Office of Urban Opportunity is created
11 within the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.
12 The director of the Office of Urban Opportunity shall be
13 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

14 (b) The purpose of the Office of Urban Opportunity
15 shall be to administer the Front Porch Florida initiative, a
16 comprehensive, community-based urban core redevelopment
17 program that will empower urban core residents to craft
18 solutions to the unique challenges of each designated
19 community.

20 (c) The selection criteria for designating Front Porch
21 Communities must give priority consideration to communities
22 where there is an active grant award from the U.S. Department
23 of Housing and Urban Development under the HOPE VI program and
24 there is:

25 1. Documented support by the unit of local government
26 to redevelop the neighborhoods surrounding the HOPE VI
27 project.

28 2. A joint agreement between the local government and
29 the public housing authority receiving the HOPE VI grant
30 regarding the redevelopment of neighborhoods surrounding the
31 HOPE VI project.

1 3. A plan to promote the redevelopment of the HOPE VI
2 neighborhoods; to disperse the location of publicly assisted
3 housing within the neighborhood and to promote mixed-income
4 neighborhoods; to promote home ownership; and to involve the
5 residents of the neighborhood in redevelopment.

6 Section 2. Section 163.2523, Florida Statutes, is
7 amended to read:

8 163.2523 Grant program.--An Urban Infill and
9 Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program is created for local
10 governments. A local government may allocate grant money to
11 special districts, including community redevelopment agencies,
12 and nonprofit community development organizations to implement
13 projects consistent with an adopted urban infill and
14 redevelopment plan or plan employed in lieu thereof. Thirty
15 percent of the general revenue appropriated for this program
16 shall be available for planning grants to be used by local
17 governments for the development of an urban infill and
18 redevelopment plan, including community participation
19 processes for the plan. Sixty percent of the general revenue
20 appropriated for this program shall be available for
21 fifty/fifty matching grants for implementing urban infill and
22 redevelopment projects that further the objectives set forth
23 in the local government's adopted urban infill and
24 redevelopment plan or plan employed in lieu thereof. The
25 remaining 10 percent of the revenue must be used for outright
26 grants for implementing projects requiring an expenditure of
27 under \$50,000. Projects that provide employment opportunities
28 to clients of the WAGES program,and projects within urban
29 infill and redevelopment areas that include a community
30 redevelopment area, Florida Main Street program, Front Porch
31 Florida Community, sustainable community, enterprise zone,

1 federal enterprise zone, enterprise community, or neighborhood
2 improvement district, and projects that include the recipient
3 of a HOPE VI grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and
4 Urban Development must be given an elevated priority in the
5 scoring of competing grant applications. The Division of
6 Housing and Community Development of the Department of
7 Community Affairs shall administer the grant program. The
8 Department of Community Affairs shall adopt rules establishing
9 grant review criteria consistent with this section.

10 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section
11 420.5087, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 420.5087 State Apartment Incentive Loan
13 Program.--There is hereby created the State Apartment
14 Incentive Loan Program for the purpose of providing first,
15 second, or other subordinated mortgage loans or loan
16 guarantees to sponsors, including for-profit, nonprofit, and
17 public entities, to provide housing affordable to
18 very-low-income persons.

19 (6) On all state apartment incentive loans, except
20 loans made to housing communities for the elderly to provide
21 for lifesafety, building preservation, health, sanitation, or
22 security-related repairs or improvements, the following
23 provisions shall apply:

24 (c) The corporation shall provide by rule for the
25 establishment of a review committee composed of the department
26 and corporation staff and shall establish by rule a scoring
27 system for evaluation and competitive ranking of applications
28 submitted in this program, including, but not limited to, the
29 following criteria:

30 1. Tenant income and demographic targeting objectives
31 of the corporation.

- 1 2. Targeting objectives of the corporation which will
2 ensure an equitable distribution of loans between rural and
3 urban areas.
- 4 3. Sponsor's agreement to reserve the units for
5 persons or families who have incomes below 50 percent of the
6 state or local median income, whichever is higher, for a time
7 period to exceed the minimum required by federal law or the
8 provisions of this part.
- 9 4. Sponsor's agreement to reserve more than:
- 10 a. Twenty percent of the units in the project for
11 persons or families who have incomes that do not exceed 50
12 percent of the state or local median income, whichever is
13 higher; or
- 14 b. Forty percent of the units in the project for
15 persons or families who have incomes that do not exceed 60
16 percent of the state or local median income, whichever is
17 higher, without requiring a greater amount of the loans as
18 provided in this section.
- 19 5. Provision for tenant counseling.
- 20 6. Sponsor's agreement to accept rental assistance
21 certificates or vouchers as payment for rent; however, when
22 certificates or vouchers are accepted as payment for rent on
23 units set aside pursuant to subsection (2), the benefit must
24 be divided between the corporation and the sponsor, as
25 provided by corporation rule.
- 26 7. Projects requiring the least amount of a state
27 apartment incentive loan compared to overall project cost.
- 28 8. Local government contributions and local government
29 comprehensive planning and activities that promote affordable
30 housing.
- 31 9. Project feasibility.

- 1 10. Economic viability of the project.
2 11. Commitment of first mortgage financing.
3 12. Sponsor's prior experience.
4 13. Sponsor's ability to proceed with construction.
5 14. Projects that directly implement or assist
6 welfare-to-work transitioning.
7 15. Projects receiving HOPE VI grants from the U.S.
8 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

9 Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 420.5089, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 420.5089 HOME Investment Partnership Program; HOME
12 fund.--

13 (6) Applications for loans under any competitive
14 scoring process established by program rule must be approved
15 by a review committee established by corporation rule which
16 shall analyze factors, including, but not limited to, the
17 following:

18 (a) Demographic targeting objectives of the
19 corporation.

20 (b) Corporation portfolio diversification.

21 (c) Developer's agreement to make units for the
22 targeted group available for more than the minimum period
23 required by rule.

24 (d) Leveraging of HOME funds.

25 (e) Local matching funds.

26 (f) The project's feasibility and long-term economic
27 viability.

28 (g) Demonstrated capacity of the proposed project's
29 development team.

30 (h) Conformance with the consolidated plan for the
31 state and area in which the proposed project will be located.

1 (i) Projects receiving HOPE VI grants from the U.S.
2 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

3 ~~(j)(i)~~ Other factors determined and approved by the
4 corporation's board of directors.

5 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 420.5093, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 420.5093 State Housing Tax Credit Program.--

8 (3) The corporation shall adopt allocation procedures
9 that will ensure the maximum use of available tax credits in
10 order to encourage development of low-income housing and
11 associated mixed-use projects in urban areas, taking into
12 consideration the timeliness of the application, the location
13 of the proposed project, the relative need in the area of
14 revitalization and low-income housing and the availability of
15 such housing, the economic feasibility of the project, and the
16 ability of the applicant to proceed to completion of the
17 project in the calendar year for which the credit is sought.
18 The allocation procedure must give priority to projects
19 receiving HOPE VI grants from the U.S. Department of Housing
20 and Urban Development.

21 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 420.5099, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 420.5099 Allocation of the low-income housing tax
24 credit.--

25 (2) The corporation shall adopt allocation procedures
26 that will ensure the maximum use of available tax credits in
27 order to encourage development of low-income housing in the
28 state, taking into consideration the timeliness of the
29 application, the location of the proposed housing project, the
30 relative need in the area for low-income housing and the
31 availability of such housing, the economic feasibility of the

1 project, and the ability of the applicant to proceed to
2 completion of the project in the calendar year for which the
3 credit is sought. The allocation procedure must give priority
4 to projects receiving HOPE VI grants from the U.S. Department
5 of Housing and Urban Development.

6 Section 7. Community and Faith-based Organizations
7 Initiative; Community and Library Technology Access
8 Partnership.--

9 (1) CREATION.--There is created the Community and
10 Faith-based Organizations Initiative which shall be
11 administered by the Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce at
12 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and the
13 Community and Library Technology Access Partnership which
14 shall be administered by the Division of Library and
15 Information Services of the Department of State.

16 (2) INTENT.--The purpose of the initiative is to
17 promote community development in low-income communities
18 through partnerships with not-for-profit community and
19 faith-based organizations. The purpose of the partnership is
20 to encourage public libraries eligible for e-rate discounted
21 telecommunications services to partner with community and
22 faith-based organizations to provide technology access and
23 training to assist other state efforts to close the digital
24 divide.

25 (3) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.--

26 (a) Authorized activities of the initiative.--The
27 Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida Agricultural
28 and Mechanical University may conduct the following activities
29 as part of the Community and Faith-based Organizations
30 Initiative:

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1 1. Create and operate training programs to enhance the
2 professional skills of individuals in community and
3 faith-based organizations.

4 2. Create and operate a program to select and place
5 students and recent graduates from business and related
6 professional schools as interns with community and faith-based
7 organizations for a period not to exceed 1 year, and provide
8 stipends for such interns.

9 3. Organize an annual conference for community and
10 faith-based organizations to discuss and share information on
11 best practices regarding issues relevant to the creation,
12 operation, and sustainability of these organizations.

13 4. Provide funding for the development of materials
14 for courses on topics in the area of community development,
15 and for research on economic, operational, and policy issues
16 relating to community development.

17 5. Provide financial assistance to community and
18 faith-based organizations through small grants for
19 partnerships with universities and the operation of programs
20 to build strong communities and future community development
21 leaders. The Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida
22 Agricultural and Mechanical University shall develop selection
23 criteria for awarding such grants which are based on the goals
24 of the initiative.

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26 The institute, to the maximum extent possible, shall leverage
27 state funding for the initiative with any federal funding that
28 the institute may receive to support similar community-based
29 activities.

30 (b) Authorized activities of the partnership.--The
31 Division of Library and Information Services of the Department

1 of State may conduct the following activities as part of the
2 Community and Library Technology Access Partnership:

3 1. Provide funding for e-rate eligible public
4 libraries to provide technology access and training to
5 community and faith-based organizations. Funding provided
6 under this subparagraph must be for eligible public libraries
7 in distressed communities in the state. The division shall
8 consult with the Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce to
9 identify such communities and to develop criteria to be used
10 in evaluating funding proposals. The division shall coordinate
11 with the institute to ensure that, to the maximum extent
12 possible, the division and the institute leverage their
13 resources under the programs authorized by this section in
14 order to focus efforts on addressing the most distressed
15 communities in the state. The division shall include a
16 representative of the institute on a review team to evaluate
17 funding proposals under this subparagraph.

18 2. Provide a method of assessment and outcome
19 measurement for e-rate eligible public libraries to assess
20 progress in closing the digital divide and in training for
21 individuals to succeed in the emerging information economy.

22 (4) ELIGIBILITY.--A community or faith-based
23 organization receiving funding or other assistance under the
24 Community and Faith-based Organizations Initiative or the
25 Community Library Technology Access Partnership must be a
26 nonprofit organization holding a current exemption from
27 federal taxation under s. 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal
28 Revenue Code. Funding under this section shall not be used for
29 religious or sectarian purposes.

30 (5) REVIEW AND EVALUATION.--
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1 (a) By January 1, 2001, the Institute on Urban Policy
2 and Commerce and the Division of Library and Information
3 Services shall submit to the Governor, the President of the
4 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives brief
5 status reports on their respective implementation of the
6 activities authorized under this section. The institute and
7 the division may elect to collaborate on the submission of a
8 combined status report covering both programs. At a minimum,
9 the status reports or combined report shall address:

- 10 1. The activities and accomplishments to date;
11 2. Any impediments to the effective implementation or
12 utilization of each program; and
13 3. The initial progress toward achievement of
14 measurable program outcomes.

15 (b) By January 1, 2002, the Institute on Urban Policy
16 and Commerce and the Division of Library and Information
17 Services shall submit to the Governor, the President of the
18 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives final
19 reports on the activities authorized under this section. The
20 institute and the division may elect to collaborate on the
21 submission of a combined final report covering both programs.
22 In addition to updating the elements addressed under paragraph
23 (a), the reports or combined report shall include
24 recommendations on whether it would be sound public policy to
25 continue the programs and recommendations on any changes
26 designed to enhance the effectiveness of the programs.

27 Section 8. Community computer access grant program.--

28 (1) The Legislature finds that there is a growing
29 digital divide in the state, manifested in the fact that many
30 youths from distressed urban communities do not possess the
31 degree and ease of access to computers and information

1 technologies which youths in other communities in the state
2 possess. This disparity in access to rapidly changing and
3 commercially significant technologies has a negative impact on
4 the educational, workforce development, and employment
5 competitiveness of these needy youths, and thereby impedes the
6 economic development of the distressed urban communities in
7 which these youths reside. Although many public libraries
8 offer users access to computers and are increasingly making
9 library materials available to the public through electronic
10 means, many youths from distressed urban communities do not
11 live near a library that has such technology and do not have
12 computers to access Internet-based virtual libraries.
13 Neighborhood organizations, such as churches, are more likely,
14 however, to be located in closer proximity to the homes of
15 these youths than are educational institutions or libraries,
16 and these youths are more likely to gain the desirable
17 computer access at church-related or other neighborhood
18 facilities than at other institutions. The Legislature
19 therefore finds that a public purpose is served in enhancing
20 the ability of youths from these communities to have access to
21 computers and the Internet within the neighborhoods in which
22 they reside.

23 (2) Subject to legislative appropriation, the Division
24 of Library and Information Services of the Department of
25 State, in consultation with the State Technology Office and
26 the state's Chief Information Officer, shall establish a
27 Community High-Technology Investment Partnership (CHIP)
28 program to assist distressed urban communities in securing
29 computers for access by youths between the ages of 5 years and
30 18 years who reside in these communities.

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1 (3)(a) Under this program, neighborhood facilities,
2 through their governing bodies, may apply to the division for
3 grants to purchase computers that will be available for use by
4 eligible youths who reside in the immediate vicinity of the
5 neighborhood facility. For purposes of this program, eligible
6 neighborhood facilities include, but are not limited to,
7 facilities operated by:

8 1. Units of local government, including school
9 districts;

10 2. Nonprofit, faith-based organizations, including
11 neighborhood churches;

12 3. Nonprofit civic associations or homeowners'
13 associations; and

14 4. Nonprofit organizations, the missions of which
15 include improving conditions for residents of distressed urban
16 communities.

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18 To be eligible for funding under this program, a nonprofit
19 organization or association must hold a current exemption from
20 federal taxation under s. 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal
21 Revenue Code.

22 (b) Notwithstanding the eligibility of the
23 organizations identified in paragraph (a), the division shall
24 give priority consideration for funding under this program to
25 applications submitted by neighborhood churches or by
26 neighborhood-based, nonprofit organizations that have as a
27 principal part of their missions the improvement of conditions
28 for residents of the same neighborhoods in which the
29 organizations are located. The division also shall give
30 priority consideration to organizations that demonstrate that
31 they have not been awarded community enhancement or similar

1 community support grants from state or local government on a
2 regular basis in the past. The division shall develop weighted
3 criteria to be used in evaluating applications from such
4 churches or organizations. Funding under this section shall
5 not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.

6 (4) The division shall develop guidelines governing
7 the administration of this program and shall establish
8 criteria to be used in evaluating an application for funding.
9 At a minimum, the division must find that:

10 (a) The neighborhood that is to be served by the grant
11 suffers from general economic distress;

12 (b) Eligible youths who reside in the vicinity of the
13 neighborhood facility have difficulty obtaining access to a
14 library or schools that have sufficient computers; and

15 (c) The neighborhood facility has developed a detailed
16 plan, as required under subsection (5), for:

17 1. Providing youths who reside in the vicinity of the
18 facility with access to any computer purchased with grant
19 funds, including evening and weekend access when libraries and
20 schools are closed; and

21 2. Promoting the maximum participation of neighborhood
22 youths in use of any computers purchased with grant funds.

23 (5) As part of an application for funding, the
24 neighborhood facility must submit a plan that demonstrates:

25 (a) The manner in which eligible youths who reside in
26 the immediate vicinity of the facility will be provided with
27 access to any computer purchased with grant funds, including
28 access during hours when libraries and schools are closed;

29 (b) The existence of safeguards to ensure that any
30 computer purchased with grant funds is reserved for the
31 educational use of eligible youths who reside in the immediate

1 vicinity of the facility and is not used to support the
2 business operations of the neighborhood facility or its
3 governing body; and

4 (c) The existence, in the neighborhood facility, of
5 telecommunications infrastructure necessary to guarantee
6 access to the Internet through any computer purchased with
7 grant funds.

8 (6) To the maximum extent possible, funding shall be
9 awarded under this program in a manner designed to ensure the
10 participation of distressed urban communities from regions
11 throughout the state.

12 (7) The maximum amount of a grant which may be awarded
13 to any single neighborhood facility under this program is
14 \$25,000.

15 (8) Before the division may allocate funds for a grant
16 under this program, the division and the eligible neighborhood
17 facility must execute a grant agreement that governs the terms
18 and conditions of the grant.

19 (9) The division, based upon guidance from the State
20 Technology Office and the state's Chief Information Officer,
21 shall establish minimum requirements governing the
22 specifications and capabilities of any computers purchased
23 with funds awarded under this grant program.

24 (10) Before the 2002 Regular Session of the
25 Legislature, the division shall evaluate the outcomes of this
26 program and report the results of the evaluation to the
27 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
28 House of Representatives. At a minimum, the evaluation must
29 assess the extent to which the program has improved access to
30 computers for youths who reside in distressed urban
31 communities. As part of this report, the division shall

1 identify any impediments to the effective implementation and
2 utilization of the program and shall make recommendations on
3 methods to eliminate any such impediments. In addition, the
4 division shall make recommendations as to whether it would be
5 sound public policy to continue the program; whether the
6 program should be expanded to address additional target
7 populations, including, but not limited to, youths in
8 distressed rural communities and adults in distressed urban or
9 rural communities; and whether the list of neighborhood
10 facilities eligible to participate in the program should be
11 revised or whether priority consideration for funding should
12 be revised to emphasize a particular type of neighborhood
13 facility. The report required under this subsection must be
14 submitted by January 1, 2002.

15 (11)(a) Notwithstanding any provisions in this section
16 to the contrary, the division may contract with the Institute
17 on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida Agricultural and
18 Mechanical University for administration of this program;
19 however, in no case may the total costs for administration of
20 this program exceed 10 percent of the amount appropriated to
21 the division for the program. If the division elects to
22 contract with the institute, the duties and responsibilities
23 assigned by this section to the division shall be performed by
24 the institute under the supervision and oversight of the
25 division, and the division shall retain ultimate
26 accountability for such duties and responsibilities.

27 (b) The institute may subcontract with the Information
28 Service Technology Development Task Force for assistance in
29 carrying out the provisions of this section, including, but
30 not limited to, technical guidance, assistance in developing
31 and evaluating program outcomes, and preparation or

1 distribution of materials designed to educate the public about
2 community access centers and other relevant resources.

3 Section 9. There is created an Inner City
4 Redevelopment Assistance Grants Program to be administered by
5 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The
6 office shall develop criteria for awarding these grants which
7 give weighted consideration to urban high-crime areas as
8 identified by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. These
9 criteria shall also be weighted to immediate creation of jobs
10 for residents in the targeted areas.

11 Section 10. Eligibility requirements for grant
12 proposals are as follows:

13 (1) An eligible grant recipient must serve within one
14 of the 13 urban high-crime job tax credit areas and be:

15 (a) A community-based organization;

16 (b) A community development corporation;

17 (c) A faith-based organization;

18 (d) A nonprofit community development organization;

19 (e) A nonprofit economic development organization; or

20 (f) Another nonprofit organization serving the
21 nominated area.

22 (2) Each applicant must submit a letter of support
23 from the local government serving the targeted urban area.

24 (3) Each applicant must submit a proposal response
25 outlining the work plan proposed using the grant funding, as
26 well as proposed performance measures and expected, measurable
27 outcomes.

28 (4) Eligible uses of grant funding must result in the
29 creation of job opportunities for residents of targeted areas.

30 (5) Applicants are urged to leverage grant funds with
31 other existing resources.

1 Section 11. In order to enhance public participation
2 and involvement in the redevelopment of inner city areas,
3 there is created within the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
4 Economic Development the Inner City Redevelopment Review
5 Panel.

6 (1) The review panel shall consist of seven members
7 who represent different areas of the state, who are appointed
8 by the Director of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
9 Development, and who are qualified, through the demonstration
10 of special interest, experience, or education, in the
11 redevelopment of the state's inner-city areas, as follows:

12 (a) One member must be affiliated with the Black
13 Business Investment Board;

14 (b) One member must be affiliated with the Institute
15 on Urban Policy and Commerce at Florida Agricultural and
16 Mechanical University;

17 (c) One member must be affiliated with the Office of
18 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;

19 (d) One member must be the president of Enterprise
20 Florida, Inc., or the president's designee;

21 (e) One member must be the Secretary of Community
22 Affairs or the secretary's designee;

23 (f) One member must be affiliated with Better
24 Jobs/Better Wages of Workforce Florida, Inc., if such body is
25 created. Otherwise, one member must be the president and chief
26 operating officer of the Florida Workforce Development Board;
27 and

28 (g) One member must be affiliated with the First
29 Job/First Wages Council of Workforce Florida, Inc., if such
30 body is created. Otherwise, one member must be the Secretary
31 of Labor and Employment Security or the secretary's designee.

1 (2) The importance of minority and gender
2 representation must be considered when making appointments to
3 the panel, and the geographic representation of panel members
4 must also be considered.

5 (3) Members of the review panel shall be appointed for
6 4-year terms. A person may not serve more than two consecutive
7 terms on the panel.

8 (4) Members shall elect a chairperson annually. A
9 member may not be elected to consecutive terms as chairperson.

10 (5) All action taken by the review panel shall be by
11 majority vote of those present. The Director of the Office of
12 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development or the director's
13 designee shall serve without voting rights as secretary to the
14 panel. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
15 shall provide necessary staff assistance to the panel.

16 (6) It is the responsibility of the panel to evaluate
17 proposals for awards of inner city redevelopment grants
18 administered by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
19 Development. The panel shall review and evaluate all proposals
20 for grants and shall make recommendations, including a
21 priority ranking, reflecting such evaluation.

22 Section 12. Each provision of this act will be
23 implemented to the extent that funds are specifically
24 appropriated in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year
25 2000-2001.

26 Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.
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1 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
3 CS for CS for Senate Bill 406
4 Specifies that those organizations eligible to participate in
5 the Community and Faith-based Organizations Initiative or the
6 Community Library Technology Access Partnership must have a
7 501(c)(3) or (4) federal tax exemption and must establish
8 accountability measures and reporting requirements for the
9 programs. No funds provided under either of these programs may
10 be used for religious purposes.
11 The Division of Library and Information Services is authorized
12 to contract with the Institute on Policy and Commerce for
13 program administration and to allow the institute to
14 subcontract for services.
15 The Inner City Redevelopment Assistance Grants Program is
16 created and will be administered by the Office of Tourism,
17 Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED) within the Office of
18 the Governor. There is also created the Inner City
19 Redevelopment Review Panel within OTTED, charged with
20 reviewing proposals submitted for consideration under this
21 grant program.
22 Various state housing programs receiving grant funds from the
23 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, specifically
24 funds allocated under the Revitalization of Severely
25 Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI) program, must give
26 preference to projects which encourage the broader
27 redevelopment of neighborhoods surrounding HOPE VI sites.
28 The committee substitute provides that each provision of the
29 bill may be implemented to the extent that funds have been
30 specifically appropriated in the General Appropriations Act
31 for fiscal year 2000-2001.