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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Appropriations recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to law enforcement; creating the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task Force; providing for the appointment of members; providing for duties; providing for a report addressing the effects of the consolidation of all sworn law enforcement positions in the state; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task Force.--

(1)(a) There is created within the Executive Office of the Governor the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task Force. Members of the task force shall be appointed no later than July 10, 2003. The task force shall be composed of:

1. Two representatives from private industry who have expertise in corporate mergers, appointed by the Governor;



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- 29 2. The Attorney General or his or her designee;
30 3. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of
31 the Senate; and
32 4. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
33 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 34 (b) The first meeting of the task force shall be held no
35 later than July 15, 2003, at which time the members shall select
36 by majority vote a chair from among its members. All other
37 recommendations of the task force shall be by majority vote of
38 those members in attendance. Three members of the task force
39 shall constitute a quorum. The task force is subject to the
40 requirements of chapter 119, Florida Statutes. All meetings of
41 the task force shall be in accordance with s. 286.011, Florida
42 Statutes, and the public in attendance at any meeting shall be
43 given the opportunity to participate. The Executive Office of
44 the Governor shall ensure that those persons who request
45 notification of the time and place of any meeting of the task
46 force, including its initial meeting, shall receive such notice
47 in a timely fashion.
- 48 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without
49 compensation. Members are entitled to reimbursement for per
50 diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida
51 Statutes.
- 52 (d) The Executive Office of the Governor shall provide
53 staff support for the task force within existing appropriations.
- 54 (2)(a) The task force shall meet for the purpose of
55 studying the effects of consolidating law enforcement and/or
56 commission functions in state agencies under a unified command.



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57 | The task force shall submit a preliminary report of its findings
58 | and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
59 | Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later
60 | than 45 days prior to the first day of the 2004 Regular Session
61 | of the Legislature. The final report shall be filed with the
62 | Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
63 | House of Representatives no later than 30 days prior to the
64 | first day of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature.

65 | (b) The preliminary and final report shall:

66 | 1. Identify all law enforcement functions and duties of
67 | personnel positions that exist in each state agency;

68 | 2. Identify all statutory provisions assigning law
69 | enforcement duties to state agencies;

70 | 3. Identify the options considered by the task force for
71 | consolidation of state law enforcement functions, duties, and
72 | personnel and identify costs for consolidation under each option
73 | considered;

74 | 4. Determine whether consolidation of any law enforcement
75 | functions or law enforcement personnel, or both, would prove
76 | more effective and efficient. Such determination shall include
77 | a cost analysis and comparison, with supporting analysis; and

78 | 5. If the determination is made that consolidation is more
79 | effective and efficient, recommend proposed legislation based
80 | upon the recommended best option for consolidating any law
81 | enforcement functions or law enforcement personnel, or both.
82 | Such proposed legislation shall include, but not be limited to,
83 | provision for any necessary restructuring of agencies as a
84 | result of the recommended reorganization.



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85 (3)(a) Each state agency shall fully cooperate with the
86 task force in the performance of its duties under this section.

87 (b) Each agency that has been assigned law enforcement
88 functions or which employs sworn law enforcement personnel shall
89 provide a report to the task force that identifies each section
90 of law upon which that agency relies for authority to perform
91 law enforcement functions and to employ sworn law enforcement
92 officers. This report shall be submitted to the task force no
93 later than August 1, 2003.

94 (4) The task force shall sunset on July 1, 2004.

95 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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