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

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

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

14           (1)(a) There is created within the Executive Office of the  
15 Governor the Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation Task Force.  
16 Members of the task force shall be appointed no later than July  
17 10, 2003. The task force shall be composed of:

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

20           2. The Attorney General or his or her designee;

21           3. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of  
22 the Senate; and

23           4. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by  
24 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

25           (b) The first meeting of the task force shall be held no  
26 later than July 15, 2003, at which time the members shall select  
27 by majority vote a chair from among its members. All other  
28 recommendations of the task force shall be by majority vote of



29 those members in attendance. Three members of the task force  
30 shall constitute a quorum. The task force is subject to the  
31 requirements of chapter 119, Florida Statutes. All meetings of  
32 the task force shall be in accordance with s. 286.011, Florida  
33 Statutes, and the public in attendance at any meeting shall be  
34 given the opportunity to participate. The Executive Office of  
35 the Governor shall ensure that those persons who request  
36 notification of the time and place of any meeting of the task  
37 force, including its initial meeting, shall receive such notice  
38 in a timely fashion.

39 (c) Members of the task force shall serve without  
40 compensation. Members are entitled to reimbursement for per  
41 diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida  
42 Statutes.

43 (d) The Executive Office of the Governor shall provide  
44 staff support for the task force within existing appropriations.

45 (2)(a) The task force shall meet for the purpose of  
46 studying the effects of consolidating law enforcement and/or  
47 commission functions in state agencies under a unified command.  
48 The task force shall submit a preliminary report of its findings  
49 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
50 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later  
51 than 45 days prior to the first day of the 2004 Regular Session  
52 of the Legislature. The final report shall be filed with the  
53 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
54 House of Representatives no later than 30 days prior to the  
55 first day of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature.

56 (b) The preliminary and final report shall:



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

59 | 2. Identify all statutory provisions assigning law  
60 | enforcement duties to state agencies;

61 | 3. Identify the options considered by the task force for  
62 | consolidation of state law enforcement functions, duties, and  
63 | personnel and identify costs for consolidation under each option  
64 | considered;

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

69 | 5. If the determination is made that consolidation is more  
70 | effective and efficient, recommend proposed legislation based  
71 | upon the recommended best option for consolidating any law  
72 | enforcement functions or law enforcement personnel, or both.  
73 | Such proposed legislation shall include, but not be limited to,  
74 | provision for any necessary restructuring of agencies as a  
75 | result of the recommended reorganization.

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

78 | (b) Each agency that has been assigned law enforcement  
79 | functions or which employs sworn law enforcement personnel shall  
80 | provide a report to the task force that identifies each section  
81 | of law upon which that agency relies for authority to perform  
82 | law enforcement functions and to employ sworn law enforcement  
83 | officers. This report shall be submitted to the task force no  
84 | later than August 1, 2003.



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(4) The task force shall sunset on July 1, 2004.  
Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.