

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the National Idea Bank; amending s.
 3 11.70, F.S., relating to the Legislative Committee on
 4 Intergovernmental Relations; revising responsibilities and
 5 duties of the committee; creating s. 282.40, F.S.;
 6 creating the "National Idea Bank Act"; providing intent;
 7 directing the committee to create, maintain, and publicize
 8 an Idea Bank on an Internet website; providing access
 9 criteria for the website; requiring the committee to
 10 solicit and display certain information on the website;
 11 directing the committee to organize and present
 12 information in a systematic and retrievable format that is
 13 readily available to citizens and organizations; directing
 14 the committee to make annual reports to the Governor and
 15 the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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 19 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 20 11.70, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (k) is added
 21 to subsection (4) of that section, to read:

22 11.70 Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental
 23 Relations.--

24 (2) FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.--

25 (a) The Legislature finds and declares that there is a
 26 need for an official body to:

27 1. Involve local and state officials in an advisory
 28 capacity to the executive and legislative branches of state
 29 government.

30 2. Study problems of the intergovernmental aspects of
 31 governmental structure, finance, functional performance, and
 32 relationships at the local, regional, state, and interstate
 33 levels.

34 3. Recommend solutions to intergovernmental problems.

35 4. Establish a regular system of reporting to state and
 36 local public officials on the progress of Florida and its
 37 political subdivisions toward meeting their intergovernmental
 38 responsibilities.

39 5. Encourage and recommend methods of effective and
 40 efficient delivery of services at the state and local levels
 41 through services integration and combination of complementary
 42 services delivery functions.

43 6. Assume responsibilities for administering,
 44 coordinating, or providing intergovernmental services as may be
 45 required by the Legislature or Governor.

46 7. Provide the Legislature, the Governor, and other
 47 interested parties with advice on intergovernmental concerns.

48 8. Assume responsibilities for creating, maintaining, and
 49 operating the National Idea Bank website created in s. 282.40.

50 (4) FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.--The committee is authorized to:

51 (k) Carry out the responsibilities for creating,
 52 maintaining, and operating the National Idea Bank website
 53 created in s. 282.40.

54 Section 2. Section 282.40, Florida Statutes, is created to
55 read:

56 282.40 National Idea Bank.--

57 (1) This section may be cited as the "National Idea Bank
58 Act."

59 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide a
60 central location for collecting ideas and documenting programs
61 and initiatives that have succeeded in governments and
62 organizations.

63 (3) The National Idea Bank is created, and the Legislative
64 Committee on Intergovernmental Relations shall:

65 (a) By January 1, 2008, create and maintain an "Idea Bank"
66 on an Internet website operated by the Florida Legislature with
67 nationwide access to carry out the purposes of this section.

68 (b) Provide Internet access to citizens and organizations
69 and a guided process for submitting ideas.

70 (c) Solicit and showcase on the website ideas submitted
71 from across the nation that subsequently became law or were
72 otherwise successfully implemented.

73 (d) Provide on the website an annual list of the ideas
74 that were most frequently replicated in this state or in other
75 jurisdictions across the United States.

76 (e) Organize and present all information in a systematic
77 and retrievable format that is readily available to citizens as
78 well as public and private organizations.

79 (f) Publicize the existence and use of the Idea Bank.

80 (4) The committee shall annually publish a report
81 summarizing the ideas received and collected during the previous

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82 fiscal year and listing the ideas described in paragraph (3)(d)
83 and shall submit the report to the Governor, the President of
84 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
85 September 15 of each year. The full report shall also be posted
86 on the Idea Bank website.

87 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.