

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Budget (Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

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In title, delete lines 2 - 65 and insert:

> An act relating to drug-free workplaces; amending s. 112.0455, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "job applicant," defining the term "random testing," and removing the definition of the term "safetysensitive position" for purposes of the Drug-Free Workplace Act; requiring drug testing to be conducted within each state agency's appropriation; authorizing a state agency to conduct random drug testing every 3

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months; providing testing selection requirements; removing provisions prohibiting a state agency from discharging or disciplining an employee under certain circumstances based on the employee's first positive confirmed drug test; removing provisions limiting the circumstances under which an agency may discharge an employee in a special risk or safety-sensitive position; providing that an agency may discharge or discipline an employee following a first-time positive confirmed drug test result; authorizing an agency to refer an employee to an employee assistance program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program if the employee is not discharged; requiring participation in an employee assistance program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program at the employee's own expense or at the expense of a health insurance plan; requiring the employer to determine if the employee is able to safely and effectively perform the job duties assigned to the employee while the employee is participating in the employee assistance program or alcohol and drug rehabilitation program; deeming that certain specified job activities cannot be performed safely and effectively while the employee is participating in the employee assistance program or alcohol and drug rehabilitation program; requiring the employer to transfer the employee to a job assignment that he or she can perform safely and effectively while the employee participates in the employee assistance program or alcohol and drug rehabilitation

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program; requiring the employer to place the employee on leave status while the employee is participating in an employee assistance program or an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program if such a position is unavailable; authorizing the employee to use accumulated leave credits before being placed on leave without pay; amending s. 440.102, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "job applicant" as it pertains to a public employer; removing the definition of the term "safety-sensitive position" and replacing it with the definition for the term "mandatory-testing position;" providing that an employer remains qualified for an insurer rate plan that discounts rates for workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance policies if the employer maintains a drug-free workplace program that is broader in scope than that provided for by the standards and procedures established in the act; authorizing a public employer, using an unbiased selection procedure, to conduct random drug tests of employees occupying mandatorytesting or special-risk positions if the testing is performed in accordance with drug-testing rules adopted by the Agency for Health Care Administration; requiring that a public sector employer assign a public sector employee to a position other than a mandatory-testing position if the employee enters an employee assistance program or drug and alcohol rehabilitation program; amending s. 944.474, F.S.; revising