

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER _____

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Government Operations
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Williams, A. offered the following:
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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Florida Council on Poverty.—

8 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL.—The Florida Council on
9 Poverty is established and assigned to the Department of
10 Economic Opportunity as an advisory council as defined in s.
11 20.03, Florida Statutes. The council shall be administratively
12 housed within the Department of Economic Opportunity.

13 (2) COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.—

14 (a) The council shall consist of five members who shall be
15 residents of this state. The members shall be appointed as
16 follows:

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17 1. The Governor shall appoint two members, one of whom
18 must be from the Florida Association for Community Action, Inc.

19 2. The Chief Financial Officer shall appoint one member.

20 3. The President of the Senate shall appoint one member.

21 4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
22 appoint one member.

23 (b) Members of the council shall serve 4-year terms. For
24 purposes of ensuring staggered terms, the council members
25 appointed by the Governor and the Chief Financial Officer shall
26 be appointed to 4-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year
27 of appointment, and the council members appointed by the
28 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives shall be appointed to 2-year terms beginning on
30 January 1 of the year of appointment. After the initial
31 appointments, all appointees shall be appointed to 4-year terms.

32 (c) A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the
33 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

34 (3) MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION.—

35 (a) The first meeting of the council shall be held no
36 later than August 1, 2016. Thereafter, the council shall meet at
37 least twice each year. Meetings may be held via teleconference
38 or other electronic means.

39 (b) Members of the council shall annually elect from its
40 membership a chair of the council and one member to serve as
41 vice chair. The council shall meet at the call of the chair or
42 at such times as may be prescribed by the council.

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43 (c) Three members of the council constitute a quorum, and
44 a meeting may not be held unless a quorum is present. The
45 affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the council
46 present is necessary for any official action by the council.

47 (d) Members of the council shall serve without
48 compensation but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel
49 expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

50 (4) SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES—The council shall:

51 (a) Conduct a review of policies and programs that work to
52 move people out of poverty.

53 (b) Develop strategies to address the causes of poverty in
54 the state.

55 (c) Develop recommendations to reduce the percentage of
56 people living in poverty in the state.

57 (d) Study the academic outcomes for children in poverty
58 and develop recommendation on how to improve such outcomes.

59 (5) REPORT.—Beginning January 15, 2018, and each January
60 15 thereafter, the council shall submit an annual report to the
61 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
62 House of Representatives containing an accounting of its
63 activities and recommendations for legislative, administrative,
64 and regulatory reforms to facilitate efforts in mitigating the
65 existence of poverty in this state.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida Council on Poverty; establishing the council within the Department of Economic Opportunity; specifying the membership of the council and the duration of members' terms; providing for organization of the council; authorizing reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; prescribing the scope of the council's activities; requiring the council to annually submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.