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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee

Representative Santiago offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) Blockchain technology and distributed ledger technology allow the secure recording of transactions through cryptographic algorithms and distributed record sharing, and such technology has reached a point where the opportunities for efficiency, cost savings, and cybersecurity deserve study.

(b) Blockchain technology is a promising way to facilitate more efficient government service delivery models and economies of scale, including facilitating safe paperless transactions and recordkeeping that are nearly impervious to cyberattacks and

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17 data destruction.

18 (c) Blockchain technology can reduce the prevalence of  
19 disparate government computer systems, databases, and custom-  
20 built software interfaces; reduce costs associated with  
21 maintenance and implementation; streamline information sharing;  
22 and allow more areas of the state to electronically participate  
23 in government services.

24 (d) Nations, other states, and municipalities across the  
25 world are studying and implementing government reforms that  
26 bolster trust and reduce bureaucracy through verifiable open  
27 source blockchain technology in a variety of areas, including,  
28 but not limited to, medical and health records, land records,  
29 banking, tax and fee payments, smart contracts, professional  
30 accrediting, and property auctions.

31 (e) It is in the public interest to establish a Florida  
32 Blockchain Task Force comprised of government and industry  
33 representatives to study the ways in which state, county, and  
34 municipal governments can benefit from a transition to a  
35 blockchain-based system for recordkeeping, security, and service  
36 delivery and to develop and submit recommendations to the  
37 Governor and the Legislature concerning the potential for  
38 implementation of blockchain-based systems that promote  
39 government efficiencies, better services for citizens, economic  
40 development, and safer cyber-secure interaction between  
41 government and the public.

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42 (2) There is established in the Department of Financial  
43 Services the Florida Blockchain Task Force to explore and  
44 develop a master plan for fostering the expansion of the  
45 blockchain industry in the state, to recommend policies and  
46 state investments to help make this state a leader in blockchain  
47 technology, and to issue a report to the Legislature. The task  
48 force shall study if and how state, county, and municipal  
49 governments can benefit from a transition to a blockchain-based  
50 system for recordkeeping, data security, financial transactions,  
51 and service delivery and to identify ways to improve government  
52 interaction with businesses and the public.

53 (a) The master plan shall:

54 1. Identify the economic growth and development  
55 opportunities presented by blockchain technology.

56 2. Assess the existing blockchain industry in the state.

57 3. Identify innovative and successful blockchain  
58 applications currently used by industry and other governments to  
59 determine viability for state applications.

60 4. Review workforce needs and academic programs required  
61 to build blockchain technology expertise across all relevant  
62 industries.

63 5. Make recommendations to the Governor and the  
64 Legislature that will promote innovation and economic growth by  
65 reducing barriers to and expedite the expansion of the state's  
66 blockchain industry.

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67 (b) The task force shall consist of 24 members. Membership  
68 shall be as follows:

69 1. The Secretary of the Department of Management Services,  
70 or his or her designee.

71 2. The Secretary of State, or his or her designee.

72 3. The Executive Director of the Department of Revenue, or  
73 his or her designee.

74 4. The Executive Director of the Department of Highway  
75 Safety and Motor Vehicles, or his or her designee.

76 5. The Commissioner of the Department of Law Enforcement,  
77 or his or her designee.

78 6. The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care  
79 Administration, or his or her designee.

80 7. The Secretary of the Department of Business and  
81 Professional Regulation, or his or her designee.

82 8. One currently serving county tax collector, appointed  
83 by the Governor.

84 9. One currently serving county property appraiser,  
85 appointed by the Governor.

86 10. One currently serving county supervisor of elections,  
87 appointed by the Governor.

88 11. One currently serving county clerk of the courts,  
89 appointed by the Governor.

90 12. Two members from the private sector with knowledge and  
91 experience in blockchain technology, appointed by the Governor.

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92 13. Three members from the private sector with knowledge  
93 and experience in blockchain technology, appointed by the Chief  
94 Financial Officer.

95 14. Three members from the private sector with knowledge  
96 and experience in blockchain technology, appointed by the  
97 President of the Senate.

98 15. Three members from the private sector with knowledge  
99 and experience in blockchain technology, appointed by the  
100 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

101 16. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President  
102 of the Senate.

103 17. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed  
104 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

105 (c) Within 90 days after the effective date of this act, a  
106 majority of the members of the task force must be appointed and  
107 the task force shall hold its first meeting. The task force  
108 shall elect one of its members to serve as chair. Members of the  
109 task force shall serve for the duration of the existence of the  
110 task force. Any vacancy that occurs shall be filled in the same  
111 manner as the original appointment. Task force members shall  
112 serve without compensation, except they are entitled to per diem  
113 and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

114 (d) The task force shall study blockchain technology,  
115 including, but not limited to, the following:

116 1. Opportunities and risks associated with using

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117 blockchain and distributed ledger technology for state and local  
118 government.

119 2. Different types of blockchains, both public and  
120 private, and different consensus algorithms.

121 3. Projects and cases currently under development in other  
122 states and local governments, and how these cases could be  
123 applied in this state.

124 4. Ways the Legislature can modify general law to support  
125 secure, paperless recordkeeping, increase cybersecurity, improve  
126 interactions with citizens, and encourage blockchain innovation  
127 for businesses in the state.

128 5. Identifying potential economic incentives for companies  
129 investing in blockchain technologies in collaboration with the  
130 state.

131 6. Recommending projects for potential blockchain  
132 solutions, including, but not limited to, use cases for state  
133 agencies that would improve services for citizens or businesses.

134 7. Identifying the technical skills necessary to develop  
135 blockchain technology and ensuring that instruction in such  
136 skills is available at secondary and postsecondary educational  
137 institutions in this state.

138 (3) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor,  
139 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
140 Representatives and present its findings to the appropriate  
141 legislative committees in each house of the Legislature within

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142 180 days after the initial meeting of the task force. The report  
143 must include:

144 1. A general description of the costs and benefits of  
145 state and local government agencies using blockchain technology.

146 2. Recommendations concerning the feasibility of  
147 implementing blockchain technology in the state and the best  
148 approach to finance the cost of implementation.

149 3. Recommendations for specific implementations to be  
150 developed by relevant state agencies.

151 4. Any draft legislation the task force deems appropriate  
152 to implement such blockchain technologies.

153 5. Identification of one pilot project that may be  
154 implemented in the state.

155 6. Any other information deemed relevant by the task  
156 force.

157 (4) The task force is entitled to the assistance and  
158 services of any state agency, board, bureau, or commission as  
159 necessary and available for the purposes of this act.

160 (5) The Department of Financial Services shall provide  
161 support staff for the task force and any relevant studies, data,  
162 and materials in its possession to assist the task force in the  
163 performance of its duties.

164 (6) The task force shall terminate upon submission of the  
165 report and the presentation of findings.

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

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
An act relating to blockchain technology; providing legislative findings; establishing the Florida Blockchain Task Force in the Department of Financial Services; providing for membership and duties of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature and make presentations; requiring the department to provide support staff and other assistance to the task force; providing for termination of the task force; providing an effective date.