A bill to be entitled
An act relating to Department of Citrus employees;
amending s. 601.10, F.S.; authorizing the Department
of Citrus to loan or share department employees with
specified state and federal entities; authorizing the
department to enter into agreements with such
entities; providing that agreements are subject to
prior approval by the department; deleting provisions
setting out the required work schedule for the
department; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 601.10, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

601.10 Powers of the Department of Citrus.—The department
shall have and shall exercise such general and specific powers
as are delegated to it by this chapter and other statutes of the
state, which powers shall include, but are not limited to, the
following:

(3)(a) To pay, or participate in the payment of, premiums
for health, accident, and life insurance for its full-time
employees, pursuant to such rules as the department may adopt,
in addition to the regular salaries of such full-time employees.

(a) The payment of such or similar benefits to its
employees in foreign countries, including, but not limited to, social security, retirement, and other similar fringe benefit costs, may be in accordance with laws in effect in the country of employment, except that no benefits will be payable to employees not authorized for other state employees, as provided in the Career Service System.

(b) The department may loan or share department employees with other state and federal agencies, state universities, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for marketing and promotion orders authorized under the authority of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or its direct support organizations or for orders adopted under the authority of the United States Secretary of Agriculture. The department may enter into agreements with such entity or entities under terms and conditions as will benefit the state, if the agency or entity to which the employee is loaned or shared reimburses the state for all pay and benefits of the employee, not including a service fee for administration. If the entity directly pays the loaned or shared employee his or her salary and benefits, if applicable, an agreement with the department is not necessary and the employee may work part-time with the department under terms and conditions mutually agreed between the department and the employee. All arrangements made pursuant to this paragraph are subject to prior approval by the department. Subject to all applicable rules adopted by the
Department of Management Services, the department shall be staffed 5 days per week, 40 hours per week, as necessary to accommodate industry inquiries. However, the executive director, with the commission's approval, may establish alternative schedules for individual department employees to ensure maximum efficiencies.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.