A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Department of Citrus; creating
s. 601.041, F.S.; establishing the Friends of Florida
Citrus Program within the Department of Citrus;
providing a purpose of the program; providing duties
of the department; authorizing the program to receive
certain funds; requiring funds to be deposited into
the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund; creating
the Friends of Florida Citrus Advisory Council adjunct
to the department; providing for the membership and
duties of the advisory council; amending s. 601.10,
F.S.; authorizing the Department of Citrus to loan
department employees to 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. Section 601.041, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

601.041 The Friends of Florida Citrus Program; advisory
council.—

(1) The Friends of Florida Citrus Program is established
within the department to provide support and assistance for
existing and future programs within the department.
(a) Through the program, the department shall:

1. Conduct programs and activities related to the protection and enhancement of the quality and reputation of Florida citrus fruit and the canned and concentrated products thereof in domestic and foreign markets.

2. Identify and pursue methods to provide resources and materials for the programs.

3. Research methods to integrate the resources and materials identified pursuant to subparagraph 2.

(b) The department may receive donations from private corporations to support the program. The department shall deposit donations to the program into the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund, as established in s. 601.15(7), and such donations shall be exempt from s. 601.15(7)(a).

(2) The Friends of Florida Citrus Advisory Council, an advisory council as defined in s. 20.03(7), is established adjunct to the department. The advisory council shall advise and provide recommendations to the commission regarding the use of any funds received for the Friends of Florida Citrus Program. The advisory council shall operate in a manner consistent with s. 20.052 and shall consist of the following members, appointed by the chair of the commission annually upon the concurrence of the commission:

(a) One member of the commission.

(b) One member recommended by a consortium of citrus processors in this state.

(c) One member recommended by the statewide voluntary Florida citrus growers association with the highest membership.

(d) Two at-large members, at the discretion of the
Section 2. 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.

(b) The department may loan department employees to 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 such terms and conditions as will benefit the state, if the agency or entity
with 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 to 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 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.