

By Senator Hutson

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Florida Occupational Safety and
3 Health State Plan; providing legislative intent and
4 findings; defining the term "state plan"; requiring
5 the Executive Office of the Governor to develop a
6 proposal for a state plan to assert state jurisdiction
7 over occupational safety and health issues for
8 government and private employees; requiring the office
9 to designate or hire necessary staff to develop the
10 proposal; requiring the Division of Risk Management
11 and the Division of Workers' Compensation within the
12 Department of Financial Services, the Department of
13 Health, and the Department of Business and
14 Professional Regulation to assist the office with
15 development of the proposal upon request; requiring
16 the office to submit a status report to the
17 Legislature by a specified date; requiring that the
18 status report contain specified information; providing
19 an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to
24 provide for the establishment of the Florida Occupational Safety
25 and Health State Plan. The Legislature finds that such a plan
26 would enhance occupational safety and health in this state
27 through the implementation and maintenance of policies,
28 procedures, practices, rules, and standards that reduce the
29 incidence of employee accidents, occupational diseases, and

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30 fatalities, while providing the state with the flexibility to
31 adequately address the needs of businesses and employees in this
32 state.

33 (2) As used in this section, the term "state plan" refers
34 to a Florida Occupational Safety and Health State Plan.

35 (3) The Executive Office of the Governor shall develop a
36 proposal for a state plan to assert state jurisdiction over
37 occupational safety and health issues for government and private
38 employees and shall designate or hire appropriate staff as
39 necessary to develop the proposal.

40 (4) The Division of Risk Management and the Division of
41 Workers' Compensation within the Department of Financial
42 Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of
43 Business and Professional Regulation shall assist the Executive
44 Office of the Governor with the development of the proposal upon
45 request of the office.

46 (5) On or before January 17, 2022, the Executive Office of
47 the Governor shall submit a status report to the President of
48 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
49 status report must contain, at a minimum, all of the following
50 information:

51 (a) Timelines for the completion of the proposal and for
52 the completion of the state plan, including the establishment of
53 an agency to oversee the state plan, legislation necessary to
54 implement the state plan, and the scope of coverage with respect
55 to employees covered under, and excluded from, the state plan.

56 (b) An explanation of whether additional employees,
57 consultants, or contractors need to be hired to assist with the
58 development of the proposal and the state plan and whether

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59 additional funds need to be appropriated for that purpose.

60 Section 2. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the nonrecurring
61 sum of \$1 million is appropriated to the Executive Office of the
62 Governor from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of
63 implementing this act.

64 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.