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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Yarborough) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 55 - 102
and insert:
the liaison for faith and community.

(b) The primary purpose of the office is to better serve
the most vulnerable persons of this state through more robust
and connected faith and community networks in coordination with
state resources.

(c) The office shall:



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11 1. Advocate for faith-based and community-based
12 organizations seeking access to, direction from, or support from
13 state agencies. For the purpose of this section, "state
14 agencies" means those agencies designated in s. 20.055.

15 2. Establish and operate the Florida Faith and Community
16 Phone, a dedicated phone line for faith-based and community-
17 based leaders in this state to connect with the Executive Office
18 of the Governor.

19 3. Establish meaningful lines of communication to connect
20 with and provide resources to faith-based and community-based
21 organizations in this state. The office shall deliver relevant
22 and useful information from the Executive Office of the Governor
23 and state agencies to the faith and community networks in this
24 state.

25 4. Develop and provide resources for enhanced connection
26 between civil service systems, state agencies, and faith-based
27 and community-based organizations in this state, using
28 technology to connect faith-based ministries and nonprofits with
29 local faith-based and community-based organizations to address
30 identified needs of a community.

31 5. In coordination with the heads of the state agencies,
32 identify bureaucratic or regulatory burdens within state
33 government that unnecessarily restrict, impede, or otherwise
34 burden faith-based and community-based organizations from their
35 involvement with, collaboration with, or service to the most
36 vulnerable persons in this state.

37 6. Provide administrative support to the Florida Faith-
38 based and Community-based Advisory Council under s. 14.31.

39 (4) LIAISON FOR FAITH AND COMMUNITY.-



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40 (a) The position of the liaison for faith and community is
41 established within the Executive Office of the Governor, and the
42 liaison shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the
43 Governor.

44 (b) The duties of the liaison for faith and community
45 include, but are not limited to:

46 1. Serving as a senior advisor of faith-based and
47 community-based issues to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and
48 senior leadership within the Executive Office of the Governor.

49 2. Leading the Office of Faith and Community and executing
50 the objectives outlined in this section.

51 3. Engaging, advising, and coordinating with the heads of
52 the state agencies in the provision of faith-based and