

CHAPTER 2019-93

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1121

An act relating to support organizations; amending s. 20.2551, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing citizen support organizations established under the department; amending s. 257.43, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing the citizen support organization established for the benefit of the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State; amending s. 258.015, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing citizen support organizations established for the benefit of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection; amending s. 259.10521, F.S.; extending the scheduled repeal of the provisions governing the citizen support organizations established for the benefit of the Babcock Ranch Preserve; amending s. 265.703, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing citizen support organizations established for the benefit of the Division of Cultural Affairs of the Department of State; amending s. 267.17, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing citizen support organizations established for the benefit of the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State; amending s. 288.772, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 288.809, F.S., relating to the Florida Intergovernmental Relations Foundation; directing the Executive Office of the Governor and the foundation, by specified dates, to satisfy the liabilities of the foundation and transfer certain funds to the Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity; amending s. 379.223, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing citizen support organizations established under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; creating s. 379.2231, F.S.; defining the terms “convicted” and “conviction”; authorizing a court to order persons convicted of certain violations to pay an additional assessment; authorizing a specified citizen support organization to pay certain rewards; amending s. 413.615, F.S.; extending the scheduled repeal of provisions relating to the Florida Endowment for Vocational Rehabilitation; amending s. 570.691, F.S.; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions relating to direct-support organizations established under the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 570.83, F.S.; extending the scheduled repeal of the provisions governing the Florida Beef Council, Inc.; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 20.2551, Florida Statutes, is amended, to read:

20.2551 Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit; public records; partnerships.—

(6) REPORT REPEAL.—By December 1, 2019, the department shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which examines the financial transparency, accountability, and ethics of its citizen support organizations. The report must:

(a) Include audits for the most recent 3 fiscal years for its citizen support organizations that are subject to audit requirements under s. 215.981. An audit conducted after March 1, 2019, must be conducted in accordance with government auditing standards.

(b) Demonstrate that its citizen support organizations within the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, as of November 1, 2018, are in compliance with ss. 20.058 and 20.2551.

(c) Identify any citizen support organization under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) that is not in compliance with ss. 20.058 and 20.2551 and describe whether the department has terminated a contract with such organization.

(d) Demonstrate how the contracts between the department and its citizen support organizations have been revised to comply with all relevant provisions of law. This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 257.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

257.43 Citizen support organization; use of state administrative services and property; audit.—

~~(4) REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 258.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

258.015 Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit.—

~~(4) REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 259.10521, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

259.10521 Citizen support organization; use of property.—

~~(4) REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1, 2024 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 265.703, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

265.703 Citizen support organizations; use of state administrative services and property; audit.—

~~(4) REPEAL.— This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 267.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

267.17 Citizen support organizations; use of state administrative services and property; audit.—

~~(4) REPEAL.— This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 288.772, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.772 Definitions.—For purposes of ss. 288.771-288.778:

(1) “Account” means the Florida Export Finance Corporation account in the Florida Intergovernmental Relations Foundation, Inc.

Section 8. Effective October 1, 2019, section 288.809, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 9. The Executive Office of the Governor and the Florida Intergovernmental Relations Foundation, created pursuant to s. 288.809, Florida Statutes, shall ensure that any liabilities of the foundation are satisfied by September 1, 2019. Any funds of the foundation remaining following satisfaction of any liabilities must be transferred to the Florida International Trade and Promotion Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity by September 15, 2019.

Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 379.223, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

379.223 Citizen support organizations; use of state property; audit.—

~~(4) This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

Section 11. Section 379.2231, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

379.2231 Additional assessment; Wildlife Alert Reward Association, Inc.

(1) As used in this section, the term “convicted” or “conviction” means any judicial disposition other than acquittal or dismissal.

(2) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a court may order a person who is convicted of a violation of this chapter or of a rule or order of the commission to pay an assessment directly to Wildlife Alert Reward Association, Inc.

(3) Wildlife Alert Reward Association, Inc., may pay a reward, from the funds assessed pursuant to subsection (2), to a person who provides information leading to the arrest of an individual or individuals for a violation of this chapter or of a rule or order of the commission.

Section 12. Subsection (14) of section 413.615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

413.615 Florida Endowment for Vocational Rehabilitation.—

(14) REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1, 2023 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

Section 13. Subsection (10) of section 570.691, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

570.691 Direct-support organization.—

~~(10) This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

Section 14. Subsection (14) of section 570.83, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

570.83 Beef Market Development Act; definitions; Florida Beef Council, Inc., creation, purposes, governing board, powers, and duties; referendum on assessments imposed on gross receipts from cattle sales; payments to organizations for services; collecting and refunding assessments; vote on continuing the act; council bylaws.—

(14) REPEAL.—This section is repealed October 1, 2024 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

Section 15. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2019.

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