

CHAPTER 2020-151

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1276

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; requiring the loans and agreements to comply with certain provisions governing the intergovernmental interchange of public employees; 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 members shall be appointed by the commission. Initially, the commission shall appoint two members to a term of 4 years, one member to a term of 3 years, one member to a term of 2 years, and one member to a term of 1 year. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for 4-year terms. The council shall consist of the following members:

- (a) One member of the commission.
- (b) One member recommended by the Florida Citrus Processors Association.
- (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 commission.

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.

(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 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 of Florida, if the agency or entity with which the employee is loaned or shared reimburses the State of Florida 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, as 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 by the department and the employee. All arrangements made pursuant to this paragraph are subject to prior approval by the department. Except as otherwise provided, loans and agreements must comply with s. 112.24 ~~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.

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