

Commerce Committee

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Webster Hall (212 Knott)

Action Packet

Commerce Committee

11/14/2017 1:00PM

Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)

Summary:

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Tuesday November 14, 2017 01:00 pm

HB 3 Favorable With Committee Substitute

Yeas: 26 Nays: 0

Nays: 8

Yeas: 18

Amendment 027627 Adopted Without Objection

PCB COM 18-01 Favorable With Amendment(s)

Amendment PCB COM 18-01 a1 Adopted

Amendment PCB COM 18-01 a2 Failed to Adopt

Amendment PCB COM 18-01 a3 Withdrawn

Amendment PCB COM 18-01 a4 Failed to Adopt

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Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)

Attendance:

	Present	Absent	Excused
Jim Boyd (Chair)	Х		
Loranne Ausley	X	·	
Bryan Avila			X
Lori Berman	X		
Halsey Beshears	X		
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X		
Charles Clemons, Sr.	X		
Nicholas Duran	X		
Dane Eagle	X		
Katie Edwards	X		
Randy Fine	X		
Joseph Geller	X		
Tom Goodson	X		
James Grant	X		
Joe Gruters	X		
Bill Hager			X
Blaise Ingoglia	X		
Evan Jenne	X		
Sam Killebrew	X		
Mike La Rosa	X		
Kionne McGhee	×		
Mike Miller	X		
Jared Moskowitz			X
Bobby Payne	X		
Ray Rodrigues	X		
Rick Roth	X		
Sean Shaw	X		
Richard Stark	X		
Jackie Toledo	X		
Jay Trumbull	X		
Totals:	27	0	3

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Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)

HB 3: Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability

X Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Loranne Ausley	X				
Bryan Avila			X		
Lori Berman	X				
Halsey Beshears	X				
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X	*************************************			
Charles Clemons, Sr.	X		***************************************		
Nicholas Duran	X		_		_
Dane Eagle	X				_
Katie Edwards	X				
Randy Fine	X				
Joseph Geller	X				
Tom Goodson	X				
James Grant	X				
Joe Gruters	X				
Bill Hager			Х		
Blaise Ingoglia	X				
Evan Jenne	X				
Sam Killebrew	X				
Mike La Rosa	X				
Kionne McGhee	X				
Mike Miller	X				
Jared Moskowitz		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	X		
Bobby Payne	X				
Ray Rodrigues			Х		
Rick Roth	X				
Sean Shaw	X				
Richard Stark	X				
Jackie Toledo	X				
Jay Trumbull	X				
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 26	Total Nays:	0		

HB 3 Amendments

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HB 3: Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability (continued)

Appearances:

Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability
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Justice-2-Jesus
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Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability Stuart, Robert (Lobbyist) - Opponent
Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association
GrayRobinson PA 301 S Bronough St Ste 600
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Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability Forrest, Mat (Lobbyist) - Opponent Florida Association of Destination Marketers 403 E. Park Ave.
Tallahassee FL 32301 Phone: 850- 577-0444

Economic Development and Tourism Promotion Accountability Zander, Skylar (Lobbyist) - Proponent
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Location: Webster Hall (212 Knott)

PCB COM 18-01: Workers' Compensation

X Favorable With Amendment(s)

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Loranne Ausley		Х			
Bryan Avila			X		
Lori Berman		X			
Halsey Beshears	X				
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X			· · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Charles Clemons, Sr.	X			•	
Nicholas Duran		X			
Dane Eagle	X				
Katie Edwards		X			
Randy Fine	X				
Joseph Geller		X			
Tom Goodson	X				
James Grant	X				
Joe Gruters	X				
Bill Hager			X		
Blaise Ingoglia	Х				
Evan Jenne		X			
Sam Killebrew	X				
Mike La Rosa	X				
Kionne McGhee		X			
Mike Miller	X				
Jared Moskowitz			X		
Bobby Payne			X		
Ray Rodrigues	X				
Rick Roth	X				
Sean Shaw		X	· <u>.</u>		
Richard Stark	X				
Jackie Toledo	Х				
Jay Trumbull	X	···			
Jim Boyd (Chair)	X				···
	Total Yeas: 18	Total Nays: 8			

PCB COM 18-01 Amendments

Amendment PCB COM 18-01 a1

X Adopted

Amendment PCB COM 18-01 a2

X Failed to Adopt

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PCB COM 18-01: Workers' Compensation (continued)

PCB COM 18-01 Amendments (continued)

Amendment PCB COM 18-01 a3

X Withdrawn

Amendment PCB COM 18-01 a4

X Failed to Adopt

Appearances:

Workers' Compensation Clark, J.B. (Lobbyist) - Opponent Florida Electrical Workers Association Lobbyist 207 Cynthia Dr Tallahassee FL 32303 Phone: (850) 556-8143

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Workers' Compensation (a3)
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Workers' Compensation
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Phone: 904-652-2311

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PCB COM 18-01: Workers' Compensation (continued)

Appearances: (continued)

Workers' Compensation Marie Baker - Opponent Myself 34110 Brown Bayou

Wesley Chapel FL 33543 Phone: 813-716-4402

Workers' Compensation

Lisa Mazza (General Public) - Opponent

Myself

37213 Price Drive Zephyrhills FL 33541 Phone: 813-770-9223

Workers' Compensation

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Florida Orthopaedic Society

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Workers' Compensation (a2)

Templin, Richard (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Florida AFL-CIO 135 S. Monroe Tallahassee FL 32301 Phone: 850-224-6926

Workers' Compensation (a4)

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Workers' Compensation (a3)

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PCB COM 18-01: Workers' Compensation (continued)

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Workers' Compensation (a3)
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Workers' Compensation
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Workers' Compensation (a4)
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Workers' Compensation Richard Chait - Opponent Florida Justice Association Attorney 2030 S. Douglas Road # 217 Coral Gables FL 33134 Phone: 305-442-2318

Workers' Compensation Rosemary Eure - Opponent Florida Workers Advocates P.O. Drawer 4057 Sarasota FL 34230

Phone: 941-350-1398

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PCB COM 18-01: Workers' Compensation (continued)

Appearances: (continued)

Workers' Compensation Brian Sutter - Opponent Worker Insurance Litigation Group 2340 Tamiami Trail Port Charlotte FL Phone: 941-286-6940

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMI	TTEE ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	(Y/N)
OTHER	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee Representative Grant, M. offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (y) and (z) are added to subsection

(3) of section 11.45, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 11.45 Definitions; duties; authorities; reports; rules.-
- (3) AUTHORITY FOR AUDITS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS.—The Auditor General may, pursuant to his or her own authority, or at the direction of the Legislative Auditing Committee, conduct audits or other engagements as determined appropriate by the Auditor General of:
- (y) The accounts and records pertaining to the use of funds from a tax imposed pursuant to s. 125.0104, s. 125.0108, or s. 212.0305 for tourism development or promotion by a local

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17	governmental entity, nonprofit organization, or for-profit
18	organization, including a tourism promotion agency as defined in
19	s. 288.12261 or a program or entity created by a tourism
20	promotion agency.
21	(z) The accounts and records pertaining to:
22	1. An economic development agency of a county or
23	municipality, including an economic development agency as
24	defined in s. 288.0751 or a program or entity created by an
25	economic development agency;
26	2. If the county or municipality does not have an economic
27	development agency, the county or municipal officers or
28	employees assigned to promote the general business interests,
29	industrial interests, or related responsibilities of the county
30	or municipality; or
31	3. If authorized by the state, a municipality, or a county
32	to promote the general business interests, industrial interests,
33	or related responsibilities of the state, municipality, or
34	county, a private agency, person, partnership, corporation, or
35	business entity.
36	Section 2. Section 288.0751, Florida Statutes, is created
37	to read:
38	288.0751 Local economic development agencies

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(1) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term

"economic development agency" means an entity, including, but

not limited to, an agency as defined in s. 119.011, that

receives public funds and is engaged in economic development activities on behalf of one or more local governmental entities.

- (a) An economic development agency may include any local governmental entity or any entity under contract with one or more local governmental entities to promote economic development activities on behalf of such local governmental entity or entities through the expenditure of public funds.
- (b) Enterprise Florida, Inc., and the Department of Economic Opportunity are not considered economic development agencies.
- (2) OPERATION.—An economic development agency must operate in accordance with the following:
- (a) Each officer and member of the board of directors of an economic development agency who is not otherwise required to file a financial disclosure pursuant to ch. 112 must file an annual disclosure describing the nature of his or her interests or the nature of the interests of his or her principals, including corporate parents and subsidiaries of his or her principals, when such interests benefit from the expenditure of economic development agency funds. The disclosure must be placed on the website of the economic development agency and included in the minutes of each meeting of the board of directors of the economic development agency when such expenditures are discussed or voted upon.

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	(b)	Board	members	shall	serve	withou	ut co	mpens	atio	on, bu	<u>1t</u>
are	entit	led to	receive	reimbu	ırsemer	nt for	per	diem	and	trave	<u> </u>
ехр	enses	pursua	nt to s.	112.0	61. Suc	ch exp	enses	must	be	paid	out
of	funds	of the	economi	c devel	lopment	agen	cy.				

- (c) Officers, employees, or agents, including the president or chief executive officer, may not receive compensation for employment from public funds, pursuant to such contract, that exceeds the salary and benefits authorized to be paid to the Governor. Any payments of performance bonuses or severance pay to officers, employees, or agents from public funds are prohibited unless specifically authorized by law.
- (d) An economic development agency must comply with the per diem and travel expense provisions of s. 112.061.
- (e) Officers and employees are subject to the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees standards under s. 112.313.
- (f) An economic development agency must avoid, neutralize, or mitigate significant potential organizational conflicts of interest before it enters into a contract. If the economic development agency elects to mitigate a significant potential organizational conflict of interest, an adequate mitigation plan, including organizational, physical, and electronic barriers, shall be developed and the head of the economic development agency must certify that the award is in the best interests of the county and submit such certification to the

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governing board of the county within 3 business days after entering into the contract.

- (g) Lodging expenses for an employee or board member may not exceed \$150 per day, excluding taxes, unless the economic development agency is participating in a negotiated group rate discount or the economic development agency provides documentation of at least three comparable alternatives demonstrating that such lodging at the required rate is not available. However, an employee or board member may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of \$150 per day.
- (h) Economic development agency funds may not be expended for food, beverages, lodging, entertainment, or gifts for employees or board members, unless authorized pursuant to s. 112.061 or this section. Employees or board members may not accept or receive food, beverages, lodging, entertainment, or gifts from persons, vendors, or other entities doing business with the economic development agency unless such food, beverage, lodging, entertainment, or gift is available to similarly situated members of the general public.
 - (3) TRANSPARENCY.-
- (a) All contracts entered into by an economic development agency shall include:
 - 1. The purpose of the contract.

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	2.	Specific	performance	standards	and	responsibilities	for
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- 3. A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable.
- 4. The value of any services provided.
- 5. The projected travel and entertainment expenses for employees and board members, if applicable.
- (b) A proposed contract with an estimated total contract value of \$250,000 or more must be submitted to the governing body of the local governmental entity on whose behalf the contracted activity will occur and published on that local governmental entity's website at least 14 days before the contract is executed. If the governing body of the local governmental entity rejects such proposed contract by a majority vote held during the 14-day period, the economic development agency may not execute such proposed contract or any substantially similar contract without obtaining a majority vote of the governing body of the local governmental entity in favor of such contract. An economic development agency may not enter into multiple related contracts to avoid the requirements of this paragraph.
- (c) 1. An economic development agency shall submit to the governing board of the county, within 30 days after the end of its fiscal year, a complete and detailed report setting forth all public and private financial data of the economic

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139	development agency, and shall publish such report on its
140	website.
141	2. The financial data shall include:
142	a. The total amount of revenue received from public and
143	private sources.
144	b. The operating budget.
145	c. The total amount of salary, benefits, and other
146	compensation provided by the economic development agency to its
147	officers, employees, or agents, regardless of the funding
148	source.
149	d. An itemized account of all expenditures, including all
150	travel and entertainment expenditures.
51	(d) The following information must be posted on the
152	website of each economic development agency:
153	1. All contracts with a total contract value of \$5,000 or
154	more. Such contracts must be posted within 5 business days after
155	execution.
156	2. All contracts, information, and financial data
157	submitted to the governing board of the county. Such contracts,
158	information, and data must be posted within 5 business days
159	after submission.
160	3. Video recordings of each board meeting. Such recordings
161	must be posted within 3 business days after the meeting.
162	4. A detailed report of expenditures following each
163	marketing event paid for with economic development agency funds.

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Such	report	must	be	posted	within	10	business	days	after	the
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- 5. An annual itemized account of the total amount of funds spent by a third party on behalf of the economic development agency, its board members, or its employees.
- 6. An annual itemized account of the total amount of travel and entertainment expenditures.
- (e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a record required under this section, including, but not limited to, a contract or agreement, is a public record and is not confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such record shall be produced in full in accordance with this section or upon request.
- (f) An economic development agency shall maintain and provide online access to all of the information required under this subsection. Each economic development agency shall provide the Department of Economic Opportunity with the specific website address where the required information is published and maintained online, and the Department of Economic Opportunity shall publish and maintain a single online directory which lists each economic development agency and the specific website address where such required information may be located.
- (g) An economic development agency that fails to comply with the transparency and accountability requirements of this

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subsection may not receive or expend public funds until it becomes fully compliant.

- (4) AUDITS.—The Auditor General shall annually select at least two economic development agencies that received public funds in the previous year and conduct audits, as defined in s. 11.45, to verify that funds were expended as required by this section and to verify that transparency and accountability requirements were met. If the Auditor General determines that funds were not expended as required by this section, he or she shall immediately report such findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) PENALTIES.—It is unlawful for a person to knowingly and willfully make a materially false or misleading statement, provide false or misleading information, fail to report certain information, or structure an organization or agreement to avoid the requirements of this section. A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (6) APPLICABILITY.—A private entity that meets the definition of an economic development agency under subsection (1) due solely to the existence of a contract between the private entity and an economic development agency to engage in economic development activities is required to comply with this section only in connection with the performance of its

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obligations and the expenditure of funds pursuant to such
contract. This section shall not be construed to require the
private entity to report or conform its other business practices
or activities to the provisions of this section, provided such
practices or activities are not directly related to or funded by
such contract.

Section 3. Section 288.12261, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

288.12261 Tourism promotion agencies.-

- (1) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term
 "tourism promotion agency" means an entity, including, but not
 limited to, an agency as defined in s. 119.011, that receives
 public funds to promote tourism development on behalf of one or
 more local governmental entities.
- (a) A tourism promotion agency may include any local governmental entity or any entity under contract with one or more local governmental entities to promote tourism development on behalf of such local governmental entity or entities through the expenditure of public funds.
- (b) For purposes of this section, the Florida Tourism

 Industry Marketing Corporation and the Department of Economic

 Opportunity are not considered tourism promotion agencies.
- (2) OPERATION.—A tourism promotion agency must operate in accordance with the following:

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- (b) Board members shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061. Such expenses must be paid out of funds of the tourism promotion agency.
- (c) Officers, employees, or agents, including the president or chief executive officer, may not receive compensation for employment from public funds, pursuant to such contract, that exceeds the salary and benefits authorized to be paid to the Governor. Any payments of performance bonuses or severance pay to officers, employees, or agents from public funds are prohibited unless specifically authorized by law.
- (d) A tourism promotion agency must comply with the per diem and travel expense provisions of s. 112.061.

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_((e)	Officers	and e	mployee	s are	subj	ect	to th	e Code	of
Ethics	for	Public	Office	rs and	Employ	yees	stan	dards	under	s.
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- (f) A tourism promotion agency must avoid, neutralize, or mitigate significant potential organizational conflicts of interest before it enters into a contract. If the tourism promotion agency elects to mitigate a significant potential organizational conflict of interest, an adequate mitigation plan, including organizational, physical, and electronic barriers, shall be developed and the head of the tourism promotion agency must certify that the award is in the best interests of the county and submit such certification to the governing board of the county within 3 business days after entering into the contract.
- (g) Lodging expenses for an employee or board member may not exceed \$150 per day, excluding taxes, unless the tourism promotion agency is participating in a negotiated group rate discount or the tourism promotion agency provides documentation of at least three comparable alternatives demonstrating that such lodging at the required rate is not available. However, an employee or board member may expend his or her own funds for any lodging expenses in excess of \$150 per day.
- (h) Tourism promotion agency funds may not be expended for food, beverages, lodging, entertainment, or gifts for employees or board members, unless authorized pursuant to s. 112.061 or

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286	this section. Employees or board members may not accept or
287	receive food, beverages, lodging, entertainment, or gifts from
288	persons, vendors, or other entities doing business with the
289	tourism promotion agency unless such food, beverage, lodging,
290	entertainment, or gift is available to similarly situated
291	members of the general public.

- (i) A tourism promotion agency shall not expend public or private funds that directly benefit only one business entity.
 - (3) TRANSPARENCY.-
- (a) All contracts entered into by a tourism promotion agency shall include:
 - 1. The purpose of the contract.
- 2. Specific performance standards and responsibilities for each entity.
 - 3. A detailed project or contract budget, if applicable.
 - The value of any services provided.
- 5. The projected travel and entertainment expenses for employees and board members, if applicable.
- (b) A proposed contract with an estimated total contract value of \$250,000 or more must be submitted to the governing board of the county and published on the county's website at least 14 days before the contract is executed. If the governing board of the county rejects such proposed contract by a majority vote held during the 14-day period, the tourism promotion agency may not execute such proposed contract or any substantially

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similar contract without obtaining a majority vote of the
governing body of the county in favor of such contract. A
tourism promotion agency may not enter into multiple related
contracts to avoid the requirements of this paragraph.

- (c)1. A tourism promotion agency shall submit to the governing board of the county, within 30 days after the end of its fiscal year, a complete and detailed report setting forth all public and private financial data of the tourism promotion agency, and shall publish such report on its website.
 - 2. The financial data shall include:
- a. The total amount of revenue received from public and private sources.
 - b. The operating budget.
- c. The total amount of salary, benefits, and other compensation provided by the tourism promotion agency to its officers, employees, or agents, regardless of the funding source.
- d. An itemized account of all expenditures, including all travel and entertainment expenditures.
- (d) The following information must be posted on the website of each tourism promotion agency:
- 1. All contracts with a total contract value of \$5,000 or more. Such contracts must be posted within 5 business days after execution.

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335	2. All contracts, information, and financial data
336	submitted to the governing board of the county. Such contracts,
337	information, and data must be posted within 5 business days
338	after submission.

- 3. Video recordings of each board meeting. Such recordings must be posted within 3 business days after the meeting.
- 4. A detailed report of expenditures following each marketing event paid for with the funds of the tourism promotion agency. Such report must be posted within 10 business days after the event.
- 5. An annual itemized account of the total amount of funds spent by a third party on behalf of the tourism promotion agency, its board members, or its employees.
- 6. An annual itemized account of the total amount of travel and entertainment expenditures.
- (e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a record required under this section, including, but not limited to, a contract or agreement, is a public record and is not confidential or exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such record shall be produced in full in accordance with this section or upon request.
- (f) A tourism promotion agency shall maintain and provide online access to all of the information required under this subsection and s. 125.0104(4)(f). Each tourism promotion agency shall provide the Department of Economic Opportunity with the

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specific website address where the required information is published and maintained online, and the Department of Economic Opportunity shall publish and maintain a single online directory which lists each tourism promotion agency and the specific website address where such required information may be located.

- (g) A tourism promotion agency that fails to comply with the transparency and accountability requirements of this subsection may not receive or expend public funds until it becomes fully compliant.
 - (4) AUDITS.-
- (a) For any county that annually receives \$30,000,000 or more from taxes imposed pursuant to s. 125.0104, s. 125.0108, or s. 212.0305, the Auditor General shall, biennially, conduct an audit, as defined in s. 11.45, of all tourism promotion agencies in such county to verify that funds were expended as required by this section and to verify that transparency and accountability requirements were met. If the Auditor General determines that funds were not expended as required by this section, he or she shall immediately notify the Department of Revenue, which may pursue recovery of the funds under the laws and rules governing the assessment of taxes.
- (b) The Auditor General shall annually select at least two counties that in the previous year received less than \$30,000,000 from taxes imposed pursuant to s. 125.0104, s. 125.0108, or s. 212.0305 and conduct audits, as defined in s.

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11.45, of all tourism promotion agencies in the county to verify
that funds were expended as required by this section and to
verify that transparency and accountability requirements were
met. If the Auditor General determines that funds were not
expended as required by this section, he or she shall
immediately notify the Department of Revenue, which may pursue
recovery of the funds under the laws and rules governing the
assessment of taxes.

- (5) ENFORCEMENT.—The Governor or Chief Financial Officer may at any time order the Department of Revenue or the local official to whom the tax is remitted to cease and desist distributing any taxes levied under s. 125.0104, s. 125.0108, or s. 212.0305 based on a tourism promotion agency's failure to comply with this section.
- (6) PENALTIES.—It is unlawful for a person to knowingly and willfully make a materially false or misleading statement, provide false or misleading information, fail to report certain information, or structure an organization or agreement to avoid the requirements of this section. A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (7) APPLICABILITY.—A private entity that meets the definition of a tourism promotion agency under subsection (1) due solely to the existence of a contract between the private entity and a tourism promotion agency to promote tourism

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development is required to comply with this section only in connection with the performance of its obligations and the expenditure of funds pursuant to such contract. This section shall not be construed to require the private entity to report or conform its other business practices or activities to the provisions of this section, provided such practices or activities are not directly related to or funded by such contract.

Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is added to that subsection, to read:

125.0104 Tourist development tax; procedure for levying; authorized uses; referendum; enforcement.—

- (4) ORDINANCE LEVY TAX; PROCEDURE.-
- (e) The governing board of each county which levies and imposes a tourist development tax under this section shall appoint an advisory council to be known as the "...(name of county)... Tourist Development Council." The council shall be established by ordinance and composed of nine members who shall be appointed by the governing board. The chair of the governing board of the county or any other member of the governing board as designated by the chair shall serve on the council. Two members of the council shall be elected municipal officials, at least one of whom shall be from the most populous municipality in the county or subcounty special taxing district in which the

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tax is levied. Six members of the council shall be persons who are involved in the tourist industry and who have demonstrated an interest in tourist development, of which members, not less than three nor more than four shall be owners or operators of motels, hotels, recreational vehicle parks, or other tourist accommodations in the county and subject to the tax. All members of the council shall be electors of the county. The governing board of the county shall have the option of designating the chair of the council or allowing the council to elect a chair. The chair shall be appointed or elected annually and may be reelected or reappointed. The members of the council shall serve for staggered terms of 4 years. The terms of office of the original members shall be prescribed in the resolution required under paragraph (b). The council shall meet at least once each quarter and, from time to time, shall make recommendations to the county governing board for the effective operation of the special projects or for uses of the tourist development tax revenue and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by county ordinance or resolution. The council shall continuously review expenditures of revenues from the tourist development trust fund and shall receive, at least quarterly, expenditure reports from the county governing board or its designee. Expenditures which the council believes to be unauthorized shall be reported to the county governing board and the Department of Revenue. The governing board and the department shall review the

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findings of the council and take appropriate administrative or					
judicial action to ensure compliance with this section. The					
county governing board shall review a proposed contract with an					
estimated total contract value of \$250,000 or more. The county					
governing board may reject such proposed contract by a majority					
vote before the execution of such contract. The county governing					
board must review all certifications by the head of a tourism					
promotion agency related to potential conflicts of interest and					
mitigation plans The changes in the composition of the					
membership of the tourist development council mandated by					
chapter 86-4, Laws of Florida, and this act shall not cause the					
interruption of the current term of any person who is a member					
of a council on October 1, 1996.					

- (f) The governing board of a county that levies and imposes a tourist development tax under this section shall publish and make the following information available online:
- 1. The approved tourist development plan, including the approximate cost or expense allocation for each specific project or special use.
- 2. Any substantial amendments to the tourist development plan.
- 3. The tax district in which the tourist development tax is levied.
- 4. A prioritized list of the proposed uses of the tax revenue by specific project or special use.

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485	5. The quarterly expenditure reports from the county
486	governing board or its designee.
487	Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (13) of section
488	288.1226, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
489	288.1226 Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation;
490	use of property; board of directors; duties; audit
491	(13) TRANSPARENCY
492	(c)1. Any entity that in the previous fiscal year received
493	more than 50 percent of its revenue from the corporation $\frac{\Theta r}{2}$
494	taxes imposed pursuant to s. 125.0104, s. 125.0108, or s.
495	212.0305, and that partners with the corporation or participates
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498	the corporation, shall annually on July 1 report all public and
499	private financial data to the Governor, the President of the
500	Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
501	include such report on its website.
502	2. The financial data shall include:
503	a. The total amount of revenue received from public and
504	private sources.
505	b. The operating budget of the partner entity.
506	c. The total amount of salary, benefits, and other
507	compensation provided by the entity to its officers, employees,

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board members, or agents, regardless of the funding source

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- d. An itemized account of all expenditures, including all travel and entertainment expenditures, by the partner entity on the behalf of, or coordinated for the benefit of, the corporation, its board members, or its employees.
- e. Itemized travel and entertainment expenditures of the partner entity.
- Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of section 288.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 288.904 Funding for Enterprise Florida, Inc.; performance and return on the public's investment.—

(6)

- (c) 1. Any entity that in the previous fiscal year received more than 50 percent of its revenue from Enterprise Florida,

 Inc., or a tax imposed pursuant to s. 125.0104, s. 125.0108, or s. 212.0305, and that partners with Enterprise Florida, Inc., in a program or other activity offered by or in conjunction with Enterprise, Florida, Inc., shall annually on July 1 report all public and private financial data to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and include such report on its website.
 - 2. The financial data shall include:
- a. The total amount of revenue received from public and private sources.

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534	b. The operating budget of the partner entity.
535	c. The total amount of salary, benefits, and other
536	compensation provided by the entity to its officers, employees,
537	board members, or agents, regardless of the funding source
538	Employee and board member salary and benefit details from publi
539	and private funds.
540	d. An itemized account of all expenditures, including all
541	travel and entertainment expenditures, by the partner entity on
542	the behalf of, or coordinated for the benefit of, Enterprise
543	Florida, Inc., its board members, or its employees.
544	e. Itemized travel and entertainment expenditures of the
۶ 4 5	partner entity.
46	Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee Representative Burgess offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 507-679 and insert:

under this chapter through an attorney shall provide his or her personal signature attesting that he or she has reviewed, understands, and acknowledges the following statement, which must be in at least 14-point bold type, prior to engaging an attorney for services related to a petition for benefits under s. 440.192 or s. 440.25: "THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW REQUIRES YOU TO PAY YOUR OWN ATTORNEY FEES. YOUR EMPLOYER AND/OR ITS INSURANCE CARRIER ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY YOUR ATTORNEY FEES, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. EVEN THEN, YOU MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ATTORNEY FEES IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT YOUR EMPLOYER OR ITS CARRIER MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY, DEPENDING

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ON THE DETAILS OF YOUR AGREEMENT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY OR
REPRESENTATIVE. CAREFULLY READ AND MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ANY
AGREEMENT OR RETAINER FOR REPRESENTATION BEFORE YOU SIGN IT." If
the injured employee or other party does not sign or refuses to
sign the document attesting that he or she has reviewed,
understands, and acknowledges the statement, the injured
employee or other party making a claim under this chapter shall
be prohibited from proceeding with a petition for benefits under
s. 440.192 or s. 440.25, except pro se, until such signature is
obtained.

Section 6. Subsections (2), (4), (5), and (7) of section 440.192, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

440.192 Procedure for resolving benefit disputes.-

- (2) Upon receipt, the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims shall review each petition and shall dismiss each petition or any portion of such a petition that does not on its face meet the requirements of this section and the definition of specificity under s. 440.02, and specifically identify or itemize the following:
- (a) The name, address, and telephone number, and social security number of the employee.
- (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the employer.
- (c) A detailed description of the injury and cause of the injury, including the Florida county or, if outside of Florida,

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the state location of the occurrence and the date or dates of the accident.

- (d) A detailed description of the employee's job, work responsibilities, and work the employee was performing when the injury occurred.
- (e) The <u>specific</u> time period for which compensation and the specific classification of compensation were not timely provided.
- (f) The specific date of maximum medical improvement, character of disability, and specific statement of all benefits or compensation that the employee is seeking. A claim for permanent benefits must include the specific date of maximum medical improvement and the specific date that such permanent benefits are claimed to begin.
- (g) All specific travel costs to which the employee believes she or he is entitled, including dates of travel and purpose of travel, means of transportation, and mileage and including the date the request for mileage was filed with the carrier and a copy of the request filed with the carrier.
- (h) \underline{A} specific listing of all medical charges alleged unpaid, including the name and address of the medical provider, the amounts due, and the specific dates of treatment.
- (i) The type or nature of treatment care or attendance sought and the justification for such treatment. If the employee is under the care of a physician for an injury identified under

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 paragraph (c), a copy of the physician's request, authorization, or recommendation for treatment, care, or attendance must accompany the petition.

- (j) The specific amount of compensation claimed and the methodology used to calculate the average weekly wage, if the average weekly wage calculated by the employer or carrier is disputed; otherwise, the average weekly wage and corresponding compensation calculated by the employer or carrier are presumed to be accurate.
- $\underline{(k)}$ \underline{A} specific explanation of any other disputed issue that a judge of compensation claims will be called to rule upon.
- (1) The signed attestation required pursuant to s. 440.1915.
- (m) Evidence of a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute pursuant to subsection (4).

The dismissal of any petition or portion of such a petition under this <u>subsection</u> section is without prejudice and does not require a hearing.

(4) Prior to filing a petition, the claimant or, if the claimant is represented by counsel, the claimant's attorney must make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute. The petition must include evidence of a certification by the claimant or, if the claimant is represented by counsel, the claimant's attorney, stating that the claimant, or attorney if the claimant is

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represented by counsel, has made a good faith effort to resolve the dispute and that the claimant or attorney was unable to resolve the dispute with the carrier or employer, if selfinsured. If the petition is not dismissed under subsection (2), the judge of compensation claims must review the evidence required under this subsection and determine, in her or his independent discretion, whether a good faith effort to resolve the dispute was made by the claimant or the claimant's attorney. Upon a determination that the claimant or the claimant's attorney has not made a good faith effort to resolve the dispute, the judge of compensation claims must dismiss the petition and may impose sanctions to ensure compliance with this subsection, which may include an order to pay to the other party or parties the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the petition, including attorney fees, not to exceed \$150 per hour, based on the number of necessary hours related to the determination that the claimant or, if the claimant is represented by counsel, the claimant's attorney has not made a good faith effort to resolve the dispute. (5)(a) All motions to dismiss must state with particularity the basis for the motion. The judge of compensation claims shall enter an order upon such motions

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without hearing, unless good cause for hearing is shown.

Dismissal of any petition or portion of a petition under this

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- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 440.34, a judge of compensation claims may not award attorney attorney's fees payable by the employer or carrier for services expended or costs incurred before prior to the filing of a petition that does not meet the requirements of this section.
- Section 7. Paragraphs (a), (c), (h), and (j) of subsection (4) of section 440.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

 440.25 Procedures for mediation and hearings.—

 (4)
- (a) If the parties fail to agree to written submission of pretrial stipulations, the judge of compensation claims shall conduct a live pretrial hearing. The judge of compensation claims shall give the interested parties at least 14 days'

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advance notice of the pretrial hearing by mail or by electronic							
means approved by the Deputy Chief Judge. At least 5 days before							
the pretrial hearing, the claimant's attorney must file with the							
judge of compensation claims, and serve on all interested							
parties, a statement verified pursuant to s. 92.525 detailing							
his or her hours to date, which specifically allocates the hours							
by each benefit claimed, and accounting for hours relating to							
multiple benefits in a manner that apportions such hours by							
percentage, in whole numbers, to each benefit.							

- (c) The judge of compensation claims shall give the interested parties at least 14 days' advance notice of the final hearing, served upon the interested parties by mail or by electronic means approved by the Deputy Chief Judge. At least 5 days before the final hearing, the claimant's attorney must file with the judge of compensation claims, and serve on all interested parties, a statement verified pursuant to s. 92.525 detailing his or her hours to date, which specifically allocates the hours by each benefit claimed, and accounting for hours relating to multiple benefits in a manner that apportions such hours by percentage, in whole numbers, to each benefit.
- (h) To further expedite dispute resolution and to enhance the self-executing features of the system, those petitions filed in accordance with s. 440.192 that involve a claim for benefits of \$5,000 or less shall, in the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, be presumed to be appropriate for expedited

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resolution under this paragraph; and any other claim filed in accordance with s. 440.192, upon the written agreement of both parties and application by either party, may similarly be resolved under this paragraph. A claim in a petition of \$5,000 or less for medical benefits only or a petition for reimbursement for mileage for medical purposes shall, in the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, be resolved through the expedited dispute resolution process provided in this paragraph. For purposes of expedited resolution pursuant to this paragraph, the Deputy Chief Judge shall make provision by rule or order for expedited and limited discovery and expedited docketing in such cases. At least 15 days prior to hearing, the parties shall exchange and file with the judge of compensation claims a pretrial outline of all issues, defenses, and witnesses, including a statement verified pursuant to s. 92.525 detailing his or her

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Remove line 44 and insert: requiring the filing of a verified statement detailing a

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Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 122 and 123, insert:

- (2) MEDICAL TREATMENT; DUTY OF EMPLOYER TO FURNISH .--
- (f) Upon the written request of the employee, the carrier shall authorize a one-time second opinion physician of the employee's choice who is not professionally affiliated with the previously authorized physician within 5 business days after receipt of the request give the employee the opportunity for one change of physician during the course of treatment for any one accident. The second opinion physician need not be in the same specialty as the originally authorized physician. Upon the granting of a change of physician, the originally authorized physician in the same specialty as the changed physician shall

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17	become deauthorized upon written notification by the employer or
18	carrier. The carrier shall authorize an alternative physician
19	who shall not be professionally affiliated with the previous
20	physician within 5 days after receipt of the request. Following
21	the second opinion, the employee shall furnish the carrier
22	written notice of his or her intent to treat with either the
23	originally authorized physician or the second opinion physician.
24	If the carrier fails to timely authorize a second opinion
25	provide a change of physician as requested by the employee, the
26	employee may select the physician and such physician shall be
27	considered authorized if the treatment being provided is
28	compensable and medically necessary.
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32	DIRECTORY AMENDMENT
33	Remove lines 118-120 and insert:
34	Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2), paragraphs (d)
35	and (i) of subsection (3) and subsection (12) of section 440.13,
36	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
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40	TITLE AMENDMENT
41	Remove line 7 and insert:

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amending s. 440.13, F.S.; requiring a carrier to authorize a one-time, second-opinion physician chosen by an employee under specified circumstances; requiring the employee to provide the carrier with specified written notice of intent; requiring carriers to take

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Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Remove lines 402-448 and insert:

(c) All impairment income benefits shall be based on an impairment rating using the impairment schedule referred to in paragraph (b). Impairment income benefits are paid biweekly at the rate of 75 percent of the employee's average weekly temporary total disability benefit not to exceed the maximum weekly benefit under s. 440.12; provided, however, that such benefits shall be reduced by 50 percent for each week in which the employee has earned income equal to or in excess of the employee's average weekly wage. An employee's entitlement to impairment income benefits begins the day after the employee reaches maximum medical improvement or the expiration of

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temporary benefits, whichever occurs earlier, and continues until the earlier of:

- 1. The expiration of a period computed at the rate of 3 weeks for each percentage point of impairment; or
 - 2. The death of the employee.

Impairment income benefits as defined by this subsection are payable only for impairment ratings for physical impairments. If objective medical findings can substantiate a permanent psychiatric impairment resulting from the accident, permanent impairment benefits are limited for the permanent psychiatric impairment to 1 percent permanent impairment.

(d) After the employee has been certified by a doctor as having reached maximum medical improvement or 6 weeks before the expiration of temporary benefits, whichever occurs earlier, the certifying doctor shall evaluate the condition of the employee and assign an impairment rating, using the impairment schedule referred to in paragraph (b). If the certification and evaluation are performed by a doctor other than the employee's treating doctor, the certification and evaluation must be submitted to the treating doctor, the employee, and the carrier within 10 days after the evaluation. The treating doctor must indicate to the carrier agreement or disagreement with the other doctor's certification and evaluation.

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- 1. The certifying doctor shall issue a written report to the employee and the carrier certifying that maximum medical improvement has been reached, stating the impairment rating to the body as a whole, and providing any other information required by the department by rule. The carrier shall establish an overall maximum medical improvement date and permanent impairment rating, based upon all such reports.
- 2. Within 14 days after the carrier's knowledge of each maximum medical improvement date and impairment rating to the body as a whole upon which the carrier is paying benefits, the carrier shall report such maximum medical improvement date and, when determined, the overall maximum medical improvement date and associated impairment rating to the department in a format as set forth in department rule. If the employee has not been certified as having reached overall maximum medical improvement before the expiration of 254 98 weeks after the date temporary disability benefits begin to accrue, the carrier shall notify the treating doctor of the requirements of this section.
- 3. If an employee receiving benefits under subsection

 (2) has not reached overall maximum medical improvement before receiving the maximum number of weeks of temporary disability benefits, the maximum number of weeks are extended for up to an additional 26 weeks. If the employee has not reached overall maximum medical improvement after receiving the

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- 4. If an employee receiving benefits under subsection

 (4) has not reached overall maximum medical improvement before receiving the maximum number of weeks of temporary disability benefits, the employee shall receive benefits under this subsection in accordance with the greatest single impairment rating assigned to the employee. Impairment benefits received under this subparagraph shall be credited against indemnity benefits subsequently due to the employee.
- (g) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), for accidents occurring on or after October 1, 2003, an employee's entitlement to impairment income benefits begins the day after the employee reaches maximum medical improvement or the expiration of temporary benefits, whichever occurs earlier, and continues for the following periods:
- 1. Twenty-six Two weeks of benefits are to be paid to the employee for each percentage point of impairment from 1 percent up to and including $\frac{3}{2}$ percent.
- 2. Fifty-two weeks of benefits are to be paid to the employee for each percentage point of impairment from 4 percent up to and including 6 percent.
 - $\underline{3}$. For each percentage point of impairment from $\underline{7}$ $\underline{11}$

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percent up to and including 9 15 percent, 78 3 weeks of benefits are to be paid.

4.3. For each percentage point of impairment from 10 16 percent up to and including 12 20 percent, 104 4-weeks of benefits are to be paid.

5.4. For each percentage point of impairment from 13 21 percent and higher, 208 6 weeks of benefits are to be paid.

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Remove lines 379-380 and insert:

Remove lines 22-24 and insert:

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraphs (c), (d) and (g) of subsection (3), paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (4), and

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receive temporary total disability benefits; increasing the value of permanent impairment benefits; removing certain limitations on permanent impairment income benefits for psychiatric injuries; providing conditions under which employees may receive permanent impairment benefits; increasing the

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duration of permanent impairment benefits; extending the timeframe in which

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 706-930 and insert:

(1) (a) A fee, gratuity, or other consideration may not be paid by a carrier for a claimant in connection with any proceedings arising under this chapter, unless approved by the judge of compensation claims or court having jurisdiction over such proceedings. Any attorney fees attorney's fee approved by a judge of compensation claims for benefits secured on behalf of a claimant must equal to 20 percent of the first \$5,000 of the amount of the benefits secured, 15 percent of the next \$5,000 of the amount of the benefits secured, 10 percent of the remaining amount of the benefits secured to be provided during the first

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- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the judge of compensation claims must consider the following factors in each case and may increase the attorney fees if, in his or her judgment, he or she expressly finds that the circumstances of the particular case warrant such increase:
- 1. The time and labor required, the novelty and difficulty of the questions involved, and the skill required to perform the legal service properly.
- 2. The fee customarily charged in the locality for similar legal services.
- 3. The amount involved in the controversy and the benefits accruing to the claimant.
- 4. The time limitation imposed by the claimant or the circumstances.
- 5. The experience, reputation, and ability of the attorneys performing services.
 - 6. The contingent nature of a fee.
- (c) The judge of compensation claims may shall not approve a compensation order, a joint stipulation for lump-sum settlement, a stipulation or agreement between a claimant and his or her attorney, or any other agreement related to benefits under this chapter that which provides for carrier-paid attorney fees an attorney's fee in excess of the amount permitted by this

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section. The judge of compensation claims is not required to approve any retainer agreement between the claimant and his or her attorney. The retainer agreement as to fees and costs may not be for compensation in excess of the amount allowed under this subsection or subsection (7).

In awarding carrier-paid attorney fees a claimant's (2) attorney's fee, the judge of compensation claims shall consider only those benefits secured by the attorney. An attorney is not entitled to attorney attorney's fees for representation in any issue that was ripe, due, and owing and that reasonably could have been addressed, but was not addressed, during the pendency of other issues for the same injury. The amount, statutory basis, and type of benefits obtained through legal representation must shall be listed on all attorney attorney's fees awarded by the judge of compensation claims. For purposes of this section, the term "benefits secured" does not include future medical benefits to be provided on any date more than 5 years after the date on which the claim is filed. In the event an offer to settle an issue pending before a judge of compensation claims, including attorney's fees as provided for in this section, is communicated in writing to the claimant or the claimant's attorney at least 30 days prior to the trial date on such issue, for purposes of calculating the amount of attorney's fees to be taxed against the employer or carrier, the term "benefits secured" shall be deemed to include only that

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amount awarded to the claimant above the amount specified in the offer to settle. If multiple issues are pending before the judge of compensation claims, said offer of settlement shall address each issue pending and shall state explicitly whether or not the offer on each issue is severable. The written offer shall also unequivocally state whether or not it includes medical witness fees and expenses and all other costs associated with the claim.

- (3) If <u>a</u> <u>any</u> party <u>prevails</u> <u>should prevail</u> in any proceedings before a judge of compensation claims or court, there shall be taxed against the nonprevailing party the reasonable costs of such proceedings, not to include <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees, must be taxed against the nonprevailing party. A claimant is responsible for the payment of her or his own attorney attorney's fees, except that a claimant is entitled to recover attorney fees an attorney's fee in an amount equal to the amount provided for in subsection (1) or subsection (7) from a carrier or employer:
- (a) Against whom she or he successfully asserts a petition for medical benefits only, if the claimant has not filed or is not entitled to file at such time a claim for disability, permanent impairment, wage-loss, or death benefits, arising out of the same accident;
- (b) In any case in which the employer or carrier files a response to petition denying benefits with the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims and the injured person has

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employed an attorney in the successful prosecution of the petition;

- (c) In a proceeding in which a carrier or employer denies that an accident occurred for which compensation benefits are payable, and the claimant prevails on the issue of compensability; or
- (d) In cases where the claimant successfully prevails in proceedings filed under s. 440.24 or s. 440.28.

Regardless of the date benefits were initially requested,

attorney attorney's fees shall not attach under this subsection

until 30 days after the date the carrier or employer, if selfinsured, receives the petition.

- (4) In such cases in which the claimant is responsible for the payment of her or his own attorney attorney's fees, such fees are a lien upon compensation payable to the claimant, notwithstanding s. 440.22.
- (5) If any proceedings are had for review of any claim, award, or compensation order before any court, the court may award the injured employee or dependent attorney fees an attorney's fee to be paid by the employer or carrier, in its discretion, which shall be paid as the court may direct.
- (6) A judge of compensation claims may not enter an order approving the contents of a retainer agreement that permits the

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placing of any portion of the employee's compensation into an escrow account until benefits have been secured.

otherwise infringe on a claimant's right to retain an attorney and pay the attorney reasonable attorney fees for legal services related to a claim under this chapter. If an attorney's fee is owed under paragraph (3)(a), the judge of compensation claims may approve an alternative attorney's fee not to exceed \$1,500 only once per accident, based on a maximum hourly rate of \$150 per hour, if the judge of compensation claims expressly finds that the attorney's fee amount provided for in subsection (1), based on benefits secured, fails to fairly compensate the attorney for disputed medical only claims as provided in paragraph (3)(a) and the circumstances of the particular case warrant such action.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 52-59 and insert:

Compensation Claims; authorizing a judge of compensation claims to increase an award of attorney fees upon consideration of specified factors; removing a limitation on attorney fees and costs in retainer agreements; deleting requirements related to offers of settlement; providing construction; removing a limitation on alternative attorney fees related to

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Name:
Representing: FL. ELECTICAL WORKERS ASSN
Title: 6031391ST
Address: 204 CYNTHAA DECE
City: TAUDAASSEE State/Zip: FC 32303
Phone Number: <u>850-556-8143</u> Meeting Date: <u>1//14/17</u>
Committee/Subcommittee:Committee Committee
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Registered Lobbyist: YES NO NO
State Employee: YES NO
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		Bill Number:	: N/A
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Name:	King, Theresa		
Representing:	Florida Building and Co	onstruction Trades Council	
Title:	President		
Address:	200 E College Ave, Suite	e B	
City:	Tallahassee	State/Zip:	FL 32301
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Address: 10475 Centurion Panking City: Tackson ville Phone Number: 909-652-231) Committee/Subcommittee: Hause Banking	State/Zip: FL 3236 Meeting Date: 11/4/17 To Swronge
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Name: Rich Templin	
Representing: Florida AFL-C10	
Title:	
Address: 135 5 Monroe	
City: Tallahassee	State/Zip:FL
Phone Number: 850 - 224 - 6926	State/Zip: FL
Committee/Subcommittee:	1
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Name: Brian Sutter	
Representing: Workers Injury	Litigation Group Wilg
Title:	
Address: 2340 Tamiami Trail	
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Representing: Justice-2- Jesus	
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Address: 1119 Newton Ave 5	
City: St. Petershing	State/Zip: <i>FL/33705</i>
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Representing: STASE OF FLORIOA	
Title: DEPT CHIEF JUDGE OF	F COMPENSATION CLAIMS
Address: 700 S-PALAFOX	
City: PENSACOLA	State/Zip: <u>F</u>
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Name: PICHMO CHAIT Representing: FLYIDA JUS Title: ATTOME! Address: Zo3 - 5 D NOLI City: COM GARLES Phone Number: 305 442 2318 Committee/Subcommittee: Comm 6	716 ASSOC 1) M # 217 State/Zip: FL 33/3/ Meeting Date: 11/14/17 ENCE COMMITTEE
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City: SALASOTA State/Zip: 1 34330		
Phone Number: 941 350 1398 Meeting Date: 11 15 17		
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Registered Lobbyist: YES NO		
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City: Port Charlotte State/Zip: FL
Phone Number: 94-286-6946 Meeting Date: 11/14/17
Committee/Subcommittee: Commerce
Presentation/Workshop Topic: Workers Compensation
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