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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
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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
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
49 50	status report must contain, at a minimum, all of the following <u>information:</u>

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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
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.
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