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 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
 50 information:

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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.