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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to illegal immigration enforcement;  
3 amending s. 20.60, F.S.; creating the Office of Secure  
4 Florida within the Department of Commerce, specifying  
5 responsibilities for the office; providing an effective  
6 date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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10 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 20.60, Florida  
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 20.60 Department of Commerce; creation; powers and  
13 duties.—

14 (3) (a) The following divisions and offices of the  
15 Department of Commerce are established:

- 16 1. The Division of Economic Development.
- 17 2. The Division of Community Development.
- 18 3. The Division of Workforce Services.
- 19 4. The Division of Finance and Administration.
- 20 5. The Division of Information Technology.
- 21 6. The Office of the Secretary.
- 22 7. The Office of Economic Accountability and Transparency,

23 which shall:

24 a. Oversee the department's critical objectives as  
25 determined by the secretary and make sure that the department's  
26 key objectives are clearly communicated to the public.

27 b. Organize department resources, expertise, data, and

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28 research to focus on and solve the complex economic challenges  
29 facing the state.

30 c. Provide leadership for the department's priority issues  
31 that require integration of policy, management, and critical  
32 objectives from multiple programs and organizations internal and  
33 external to the department; and organize and manage external  
34 communication on such priority issues.

35 d. Promote and facilitate key department initiatives to  
36 address priority economic issues and explore data and identify  
37 opportunities for innovative approaches to address such economic  
38 issues.

39 e. Promote strategic planning for the department.

40 8. The Office of Secure Florida, which shall be responsible  
41 for administering and enforcing:

42 a. E-Verify and employment authorization compliance as set  
43 forth in sections 448.09 and 448.095, Florida Statutes.

44 b. The purchase and registration of real property in the  
45 state of Florida by foreign principals as set forth in sections  
46 692.203 and 692.204, Florida Statutes.

47 (b) The secretary:

48 1. May create offices within the Office of the Secretary  
49 and within the divisions established in paragraph (a) to promote  
50 efficient and effective operation of the department.

51 2. Shall appoint a director for each division, who shall  
52 directly administer his or her division and be responsible to  
53 the secretary.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.