

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to workplace safety; creating s.  
 3           284.51, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring all  
 4           public employers to comply with certain federal  
 5           Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
 6           standards by a certain date; requiring the Department  
 7           of Financial Services to annually report injury and  
 8           illness data for public employers to the Governor, the  
 9           President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House  
 10          of Representatives and publish such data on the  
 11          department's website; requiring the department to  
 12          provide certain information on its website by a  
 13          certain date; providing an effective date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17           Section 1. Section 284.51, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 18 read:

19           284.51 Public employer workplace safety.-

20           (1) As used in this section, the term:

21           (a) "Department" means the Department of Financial  
 22 Services.

23           (b) "OSHA" means the Occupational Safety and Health  
 24 Administration in the United States Department of Labor.

25           (c) "Public employer" means any agency within state,  
 26 county, or municipal government, including any school district,  
 27 which employs individuals for salary, wages, or other  
 28 remuneration.

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29        (2) Effective June 30, 2015, all public employers must  
30 comply with OSHA general industry standards, 29 C.F.R. part  
31 1910, and OSHA construction standards, 29 C.F.R. part 1926, as  
32 applicable.

33        (3) The department shall annually report to the Governor,  
34 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
35 Representatives the injury and illness data for public employers  
36 in the aggregate as well as on a per-public employer basis. Such  
37 data shall be published on the department's website.

38        (4) Effective October 1, 2012, the department shall  
39 establish and publicize on its website, for public employers and  
40 employees to access, information related to workplace safety.

41        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.