

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1877 Florida Crime Laboratory Council
SPONSOR(S): Appropriations
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Appropriations	27 Y, 0 N	London/Davis	Baker
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Florida Crime Laboratory Council, within the Department of Law Enforcement, was created to provide advice and make recommendations, as necessary, to the executive director of the department to enhance accountability and the effective operation of crime laboratories. HB 1877 eliminates the Florida Crime Laboratory Council within the Department of Law Enforcement and makes conforming changes.

The proposed House General Appropriations Act reflects savings of \$117,692 as a result of eliminating the Council.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Florida Crime Laboratory Council is established within the Department of Law Enforcement pursuant to section 943.355, F.S. The Council was created to enhance accountability of state funding and the effective operation of crime laboratories. The Council also is charged with promoting and coordinating cooperation between the various members of the statewide criminal analysis laboratory system. This bill eliminates the Florida Crime Laboratory Council.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Repeals ss. 943.355 and 943.356, F.S., relating to the creation of the Florida Crime Laboratory Council and the duties of the Florida Crime Laboratory Council.

Section 2. Amends s. 943.36, F.S., relating to the submission of an annual budget for the purpose of providing funding to existing laboratories as set out in s. 943.35, F.S.; making conforming changes.

Section 3. Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

Elimination of the Florida Crime Laboratory Council will save the state \$117,692.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The proposed House General Appropriations Act reflects savings of \$117,692 as a result of eliminating the Florida Crime Laboratory Council.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because this bill does not appear to require counties or cities to: spend funds or take action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority of counties or cities to raises revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or cities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

The bill does not create the need for rulemaking authority.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES