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4733 should use to dispose of claims. The task force shall submit the
 4734 reports to the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the
 4735 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 4736 Representatives. The task force may also submit such interim
 4737 reports as it deems appropriate.

4738 (7) ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES.--The task force shall monitor
 4739 the implementation of the provisions of chapter 2006-12, Laws of
 4740 Florida, relating to the creation of the Office of Internal
 4741 Auditor in Citizens Property Insurance Corporation and shall
 4742 make such additional recommendations as it deems appropriate for
 4743 further legislative action during the 2006-2008 legislative
 4744 biennium.

4745 (8) EXPIRATION.--The task force shall expire at the end of
 4746 the 2006-2008 legislative biennium.

4747 Section 39. Windstorm Mitigation Study Committee.--

4748 (1) (a) The Windstorm Mitigation Study Committee is created
 4749 and shall be composed of eight members as follows:

4750 1. Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, with
 4751 one designated by the Governor to serve as chair.

4752 2. Two members shall be appointed by the Chief Financial
 4753 Officer.

4754 3. Two members shall be appointed by the President of the
 4755 Senate.

4756 4. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
 4757 House of Representatives.

4758 (b) Each member must be knowledgeable of issues concerning
 4759 the mitigation of the effects of windstorms on structures in
 4760 this state and at least one member must represent primarily the

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4761 interests of homeowners.

4762 (2) (a) The members of the committee shall serve without
4763 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for all
4764 necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties,
4765 including travel expenses, in accordance with s. 112.061,
4766 Florida Statutes. Reimbursements for travel shall be paid by the
4767 appointing entity.

4768 (b) The committee shall meet as necessary, at the call of
4769 the chair, and at the time and place designated by the chair.
4770 The committee may conduct its meetings through teleconferences
4771 or other similar means. The first meeting of the committee shall
4772 occur no later than February 9, 2007.

4773 (3) The Department of Financial Services, the Office of
4774 Insurance Regulation, the Citizens Property Insurance
4775 Corporation, and other agencies of this state shall supply any
4776 information, assistance, and facilities that are considered
4777 necessary by the committee to carry out its duties under this
4778 section. The department shall provide staff assistance as
4779 necessary in order to carry out the required clerical and
4780 administrative functions of the committee.

4781 (4) The committee shall analyze those solutions and
4782 programs that address the state's acute need to mitigate the
4783 effects of windstorms on structures, especially residential
4784 property that is located in areas at greatest risk of windstorm
4785 damage, including programs or proposals that provide for:

4786 (a) The availability of home inspections for windstorm
4787 resistance.

4788 (b) Grants to assist homeowners, and possibly other groups

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4789 of property owners, to harden their property against windstorm
 4790 damage.

4791 (c) The full actuarial value to be reflected in premium
 4792 credits for windstorm mitigation.

4793 (d) The most effective way to inform policyholders of the
 4794 availability of and means by which to obtain premium credits for
 4795 windstorm mitigation.

4796 (e) Coordination among federal, local, and private
 4797 initiatives.

4798 (f) Streamlining or strengthening applicable state,
 4799 regional, and local regulations.

4800 (g) The stimulation of public and private efforts to
 4801 mitigate against windstorm injury and damage.

4802 (h) The discovery and assessment of funding sources for
 4803 windstorm mitigation.

4804 (i) Tax incentives for windstorm mitigation.

4805 (j) Consumer information concerning the benefits of
 4806 windstorm mitigation, including personal safety as well as
 4807 property security.

4808 (k) Research on windstorm mitigation.

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 4810 The committee may develop any other solutions and programs that
 4811 it considers appropriate.

4812 (5) In performing its analysis, the committee shall
 4813 consider both the safety of the residents of this state and the
 4814 protection of real property, especially residential. In
 4815 addition, the committee shall consider both short-term and long-
 4816 term solutions and programs.

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4817 (6) The committee shall review, evaluate, and make
 4818 recommendations regarding existing and proposed programs and
 4819 initiatives for mitigating windstorm damage.

4820 (7) The committee shall provide recommendations, including
 4821 proposed legislation, to the Governor, the President of the
 4822 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief
 4823 Financial Officer, and the Commissioner of Insurance Regulation
 4824 by March 6, 2007.

4825 (8) The committee shall expire on May 15, 2007.

4826 Section 40. The Financial Services Commission shall adopt
 4827 a uniform home grading scale to grade the ability of a home to
 4828 withstand the wind load from a sustained severe tropical storm
 4829 or hurricane. The commission shall coordinate with the Office of
 4830 Insurance Regulation, the Department of Financial Services, and
 4831 the Department of Community Affairs in developing the grading
 4832 scale, which must be based upon and consistent with the rating
 4833 system required by chapter 2006-12, Laws of Florida. The
 4834 commission shall adopt the uniform grading scale by rule no
 4835 later than June 30, 2007.

4836 Section 41. Florida Disaster Recovery Program.--

4837 (1) The Department of Community Affairs shall implement
 4838 the 2006 Disaster Recovery Program from funds provided through
 4839 the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the
 4840 Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006, for the
 4841 purpose of assisting local governments in satisfying disaster-
 4842 recovery needs in the areas of low-income housing and
 4843 infrastructure, with a primary focus on the hardening of single-
 4844 family and multifamily housing units, not only to ensure that