

By Representative Meek

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education; establishing a  
3           study commission to determine the need for  
4           creating a statewide residential mathematics  
5           and sciences academy; providing commission  
6           membership and duties; requiring presentation  
7           of findings and recommendations; providing an  
8           effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. (1) There is established the Mathematics  
13 and Sciences Study Commission to determine the need for  
14 creating a statewide residential mathematics and sciences  
15 academy which would be available to students in grades 9  
16 through 12 throughout the state. The commission shall study  
17 the possibility of creating an academy in connection with the  
18 State University System and Enterprise Florida, Inc.

19           (2) Members of the commission shall be appointed as  
20 follows:

21           (a) The Governor shall appoint four members, including  
22 a member of the Enterprise Florida Board of Directors, a  
23 principal or administrator of a Florida public school, and a  
24 member of the Board of Regents.

25           (b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
26 House of Representatives shall each appoint a member of the  
27 majority party and a member of the minority party of their  
28 respective houses.

29           (c) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint four  
30 members, including a member of the Enterprise Florida Board of  
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1 Directors, a member of the National Science Program, and a  
2 member of the Florida School Board Administrators Association.

3 (3) The commission shall elect an executive director  
4 to serve at the request of the full commission. Regular  
5 meetings shall be held 2 days each month and at such other  
6 times as deemed necessary.

7 (4) The commission shall present its findings and  
8 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
9 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
10 Commissioner of Education by January 1, 1998, at which time  
11 the commission shall be terminated. Recommendation for the  
12 creation of a statewide residential mathematics and sciences  
13 academy must include the proposed location for the academy.

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

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18 HOUSE SUMMARY

19 Establishes the Mathematics and Science Study Commission  
20 to determine the need for creating a statewide  
21 residential mathematics and sciences academy. Provides  
22 for commission membership and duties.

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