

By the Committee on Education Innovation and
Representative Meek

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to education; establishing a
3 study commission to determine the feasibility
4 of creating a residential mathematics and
5 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 feasibility of
14 creating a public-private, residential, coeducational academy
15 offering an advanced curriculum in mathematics and sciences
16 for students in grades 11 and 12 using the K-16 philosophy to
17 prepare students for professional careers in Florida. The
18 commission shall determine a private partner, a State
19 University System partner, the locale, and the estimated
20 operating cost for an academy.

21 (2) Members of the commission shall be appointed as
22 follows:

23 (a) The Governor shall appoint five members, including
24 a math or science teacher, a member of the Enterprise Florida
25 Board of Directors, a principal or administrator of a Florida
26 public school, a member of the Board of Regents, and a member
27 of the Florida Commission on Education Reform and
28 Accountability.

29 (b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
30 House of Representatives shall each appoint a member of the
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1 majority party and a member of the minority party of their
2 respective houses.

3 (c) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint five
4 members, including a math or science teacher, a member of the
5 Enterprise Florida Board of Directors, a member of the
6 National Science Program, a member of the Florida School Board
7 Administrators Association, and a member of the Postsecondary
8 Education Planning Commission.

9 (3) The commission shall be staffed by the
10 Postsecondary Education Planning Commission and the Florida
11 Commission on Education Reform and Accountability. Regular
12 meetings may be held 2 days each month and at such other times
13 as the commission deems necessary, after all members have been
14 appointed.

15 (4) Commission members and staff shall receive
16 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the
17 performance of their duties, as provided in s. 112.061,
18 Florida Statutes.

19 (5) The commission shall present its findings and
20 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
21 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
22 Commissioner of Education by January 1, 1998, at which time
23 the commission shall be terminated.

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

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