

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, 1999, at which time  
23 the commission shall be terminated.

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