

By the Committee on Criminal Justice and Senator Lee

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to to a residential public
3 education facility; amending s. 230.23162,
4 F.S.; requiring the facility authorized to be
5 constructed by the Alternative Education
6 Institute to be operated by the Department of
7 Juvenile Justice and the Hillsborough County
8 School Board; providing for transfer of
9 ownership from the institute to the State of
10 Florida; providing duties of the Department of
11 Management Services; providing student
12 eligibility; providing for funding; providing
13 an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 230.23162, Florida Statutes, as
18 renumbered from section 985.402 and amended by chapter 97-382,
19 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

20 (Substantial rewording of section. See
21 s. 230.23162, F.S., for present text.)
22 230.23162 Residential public education facility;
23 operation; students; funding.--

24 (1) The educational facility authorized to be
25 constructed by the Alternative Education Institute under
26 former s. 39.085, renumbered as s. 985.402, is designated as a
27 residential public education facility to be jointly operated,
28 either directly or by contracting for services, by the
29 Department of Juvenile Justice and the Hillsborough County
30 School Board through a cooperative agreement. Ownership of the
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1 facility and property shall be transferred from the
2 Alternative Education Institute to the State of Florida.

3 (2) The Department of Management Services is
4 authorized to direct change orders in any existing
5 construction contracts, provide site inspection services, and
6 provide any other administrative services necessary to
7 complete the construction of the facility. The Department of
8 Management Services shall have access to all state funds
9 previously appropriated to the Alternative Education Institute
10 for this purpose.

11 (3) Students served in the facility must:

12 (a) Reside in Hillsborough County, Pinellas County,
13 Manatee County, Polk County, or any other county that enters
14 into an agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice and
15 the Hillsborough County School Board.

16 (b) Not have been adjudicated.

17 (c) Be at risk, as defined in the cooperative
18 agreement.

19 (4) Funding for the residential component of the
20 program offered at the facility must be provided through
21 appropriations to the Department of Juvenile Justice. Funding
22 for the education component of the program offered at the
23 facility must be provided through the Florida Education
24 Finance Program.

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

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 2480

1. Provides that the students served in the educational facility will be preadjudicated, at-risk youths, not students in "transition from a residential program for juvenile delinquents."
2. Authorizes the Department of Management Services to take necessary actions to complete construction of the facility and provides that the department will have access to state funds previously appropriated to AEI.
3. Transfers ownership of the educational facility and property from AEI to the State of Florida.
4. Clarifies that the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Hillsborough County School Board can operate the facility directly or by contracting for services.