

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Alternative Education
3 Institute; amending s. 230.23162, F.S.;
4 abolishing the institute; transferring the
5 institute to the Department of Management
6 Services; providing duties of the Department of
7 Management Services; establishing a working
8 group to develop a plan for use of the
9 facility; requiring a report; requiring the
10 department to provide services and make a
11 recommendation for the disposition of the
12 facility taking account of local and state
13 concerns; providing an appropriation; providing
14 an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
19 the Alternative Education Institute is abolished.

20 Section 2. Section 230.23162, Florida Statutes, as
21 renumbered from section 985.402 and amended by chapter 97-382,
22 Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

23 (Substantial rewording of section. See
24 s. 230.23162, F.S., for present text.)

25 230.23162 Residential public education facility.--

26 (1) Ownership of the facility and related assets
27 authorized under former s. 985.402, is transferred to the
28 Department of Management Services. The Department of
29 Management Services shall direct change orders in existing
30 construction contracts necessary to complete construction to
31 the extent necessary to stabilize assets and prepare the

1 facility for future utilization. The Department of Management
2 Services shall provide administrative, site inspection, and
3 security services as necessary to carry out the provisions of
4 this section. The Department of Management Services shall have
5 access to all state funds previously appropriated to the
6 Alternative Education Institute for this purpose.

7 (2)(a) A working group is formed to develop a plan for
8 the use of the facility and to develop a request for proposals
9 or request for information for operation of the program by a
10 private contractor. The working group shall be composed of
11 eight members: one member each from the Department of
12 Education, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Department of
13 Children and Family Services; one member appointed by the
14 President of the Senate; one member appointed by the Speaker
15 of the House; one representative of the 13th judicial circuit
16 of Hillsborough County, to be appointed by the Chief Circuit
17 Judge; one representative of the Hillsborough School District,
18 and one representative from local law enforcement to be
19 appointed by the Sheriff of Hillsborough County. The
20 Department of Education shall provide administrative support
21 for the working group.

22 (b) The group shall assess needs of categories of
23 clients served by the member agencies in evaluating possible
24 uses for the facility in meeting the needs of the clients. The
25 group shall identify client categories that may be served
26 through the use of the facility, shall outline a program
27 structure, and shall make further recommendations, including a
28 proposed private provider for implementation. The group should
29 consider previous recommendations for use of the facility, and
30 shall specifically consider the viability of prior proposals
31 submitted for use of the facility in the fiscal year

1 1997-1998. The group shall be formed and activated when this
2 act becomes law. The group shall make a recommendation to the
3 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives, no later than October 1, 1998, and shall be
5 disbanded upon that date.

6 (3) The Department of Management Services shall survey
7 state agencies, and shall invite bids and proposals from state
8 agencies, local government agencies, federal agencies, and the
9 private sector for use or disposition of the facility and
10 related assets, no later than June 15, 1998. Notwithstanding
11 any law to the contrary, the Department of Management Services
12 shall set a deadline for receipt of bids and proposals of not
13 less than 3 months after the invitation for bids and proposals
14 is advertised. By October 1, 1998, the Department of
15 Management Services shall evaluate all bids and proposals and
16 make a recommendation to the President of the Senate and the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding proposed
18 uses for the facility, taking into account local and state
19 interests and concerns.

20 (4) Upon receipt and review of the recommendations
21 from the working group and the Department of Management
22 Services, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives shall make a final determination
24 regarding use or disposition of the facility and related
25 assets. However, any such determination must take into account
26 local and state concerns and interests. The President of the
27 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
28 notify the Governor of their determination.

29 Section 3. There is appropriated to the Florida
30 Department of Education for fiscal year 1998-1999 from the
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1 General Revenue Fund the sum of \$50,000 to carry out the
2 provisions of this act.

3 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.

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