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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.

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

16 (4) Taking into consideration the recommendation of  
17 the Department of Management Services, and local and state  
18 concerns and interests, the working group shall, no later than  
19 November 1, 1998, make a final determination for the use or  
20 disposition of the facility and related assets planned,  
21 constructed, acquired, and equipped pursuant to Specific  
22 Appropriation 2012A of the 1994-1995 General Appropriations  
23 Act, and shall be disbanded upon that date. Such  
24 determination shall be subject to the notice, review, and  
25 objection procedures of s. 216.177. If the final determination  
26 made by the working group is objected to under s. 216.177, the  
27 final determination for the facility and related assets shall  
28 be made by the Legislature during the 1999 Regular Session.

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  
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