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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public education facilities;
repealing s. 235.217, F.S.; abolishing the
SMART Schools Clearinghouse; providing for
continuation of the 5-year work program;
providing duties of the Department of Education
with respect to administration of the School
Infrastructure Thrift Fund and Effort Index
Fund; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 235.217, Florida Statutes, as
created by section 10 of chapter 97-384, Laws of Florida, is
repealed July 1, 2000. The 5-year work program, including
local public hearings and the board approval process, shall
continue as described in section 235.185, Florida Statutes,
but without the requirement for state review. Administration
of the School Infrastructure Thrift Fund and the Effort Index
Fund shall be provided by the Department of Education.

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

SENATE SUMMARY

Abolishes the SMART Schools Clearinghouse effective July
1, 2000. Requires the continuation of the 5-year work
program, including local public hearings and the board
approval process, but without state review. Directs the
Department of Education to administer the School
Infrastructure Thrift Fund and the Effort Index Fund.