

By the Committee on Education and Senator Holzendorf

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to education; establishing a  
study commission to determine the feasibility  
of creating a residential mathematics and  
sciences academy; providing for the  
commission's membership and duties; requiring a  
report; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) There is established the Mathematics and Sciences Study Commission to determine the feasibility of creating a public-private, residential, coeducational academy offering an advanced curriculum in mathematics and sciences for students in grades 11 and 12 using the K-16 philosophy to prepare students for professional careers in this state. The commission shall select a private partner, a State University System partner, the locale, and the estimated operating cost for the academy.

(2) Members of the commission shall be appointed as follows:

(a) The Governor shall appoint five members, including a math or science teacher, a member of the Enterprise Florida Board of Directors, a principal or administrator of a state public school, a member of the Board of Regents, and a member of the Florida Commission on Education Reform and Accountability.

(b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint a member of the majority party and a member of the minority party of their respective houses.

1           (c) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint five  
2 members, including a math or science teacher, a member of the  
3 Enterprise Florida Board of Directors, a member of the Florida  
4 School Board Administrators Association, and a member of the  
5 Postsecondary Education Planning Commission.

6           (3) The commission shall be staffed by the  
7 Postsecondary Education Planning Commission and the Florida  
8 Commission on Education Reform and Accountability. Regular  
9 meetings may be held for 2 days each month and at such other  
10 times as the commission deems necessary, after all members  
11 have been appointed.

12           (4) Commission members and staff shall receive  
13 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the  
14 performance of their duties, as provided in s. 112.061,  
15 Florida Statutes.

16           (5) The commission shall present its findings and  
17 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
18 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
19 Commissioner of Education by January 1, 1999, at which time  
20 the commission shall be terminated.

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

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24                           STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
25                           COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
26   SB 388

27 The Committee Substitute differs from SB 388 as follows:

28 The membership of the Mathematics and Sciences Study  
29 Commission is revised so that the five members to be appointed  
30 by the Commissioner of Education do not include a  
31 representative of the nonexistent National Science Program.