

By the Committees on Ways and Means; Education; and Senator Holzendorf

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from General
24 Revenue, the sum of \$75,000 for the Mathematics and Science
25 Study Commission.

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

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
CS/SB 388

The committee substitute includes an appropriation of \$75,000,
general revenue, to pay for the study.