

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs; and Senator Lee

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public school construction
3 financing; creating a Florida School
4 Construction Financing Commission; providing
5 for appointment and qualifications of members;
6 providing administrative duties of the
7 Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental
8 Relations; providing duties of the commission;
9 providing for a report; providing an
10 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. (1) The Florida School Construction
15 Financing Commission is created, to serve through June 30,
16 2000.

17 (2)(a) The commission is to be composed of the
18 following 15 members, who must be appointed within 30 days
19 after the effective date of this section:

20 1. Six members selected by the Governor, none of whom
21 may be a member of the Legislature at the time of appointment,
22 as follows: one representative from a local school board, and
23 five representatives at large.

24 2. Four members selected by the President of the
25 Senate, as follows: one member of the majority party and one
26 member of the minority party in the Senate, one representative
27 from a local school board, and one representative at large.

28 3. Four members selected by the Speaker of the House
29 of Representatives, as follows: one member of the majority
30 party and one member of the minority party in the House of
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1 Representatives, one representative from a local school board,
2 and one representative at large.

3 4. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
4 designee.

5 (b) Vacancies in the membership of the commission are
6 to be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

7 (c) All state agencies are directed to cooperate with
8 and assist the commission to the fullest extent possible. All
9 local governments are encouraged to assist and cooperate with
10 the commission as necessary.

11 (d) The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental
12 Relations is authorized to employ technical support and to
13 incur expenses related to the official duties of the
14 commission, and to expend funds appropriated to the committee
15 for carrying out the official duties of the commission.

16 (e) Commission members shall not receive remuneration
17 for their services, but are entitled to be reimbursed by the
18 Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations for
19 travel and per diem expenses in accordance with section
20 112.061, Florida Statutes.

21 (3)(a) The commission shall act as an advisory and
22 recommendatory body to the Governor and the Legislature.

23 (b) The commission shall convene its initial meeting
24 within 60 days after the effective date of this section. At
25 its initial meeting, the commission shall select a chair and
26 shall adopt rules of procedure. Thereafter, the commission
27 shall convene at the call of its chair.

28 (c) The commission shall study alternative methods of
29 funding school construction, and the pros and cons of each
30 method of funding.

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1 (d) The commission shall formulate tax policies that
2 consider school construction revenue needs, the availability
3 of alternative funding mechanisms, and other accepted
4 tax-policy goals, including fairness and ease of
5 administration.

6 (e) The commission shall issue a report to the
7 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives, by February 1, 2000, summarizing its
9 findings, stating its conclusions, and proposing any
10 recommended statutory changes related to the tax laws of the
11 state.

12 Section 2. The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated to the
13 Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations from the
14 General Revenue Fund to be used for the Florida School
15 Construction Financing Commission.

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

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19 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
21 Senate Bill 1328

22 The Committee Substitute creates the Florida School
23 Construction Financing Commission to study alternative methods
24 of funding school construction and formulate alternative tax
25 policies to meet school construction revenue needs. The CS
26 appropriates \$75,000 of general revenue to the Legislative
27 Committee on Intergovernmental Relations to provide staff
28 support to the commission and to fund travel and per diem
29 expenses.
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